



Back in Business

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right, talks to Carla Pilla, of Seaside Heights, N.J., while Robert Hilton, left, executive director of the Jersey Shore Convention and Visitor's Bureau, holds a sign, Friday, May 24, 2013, in Seaside Heights, N.J. Christie cut a ribbon to symbolically reopen the state's shore for the summer season, seven months after being devastated by Superstorm Sandy.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

Jersey shore reopens for 1st post-Sandy summer

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Associated Press

SEASIDE HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP)

— New Jersey rolled out some of its big guns Friday to proclaim that the shore is back following Superstorm Sandy, using Gov. Chris Christie and the cast of MTV's "Jersey Shore" to tell a national audience the state is ready for summer fun.

In fact, they even hired fun. — the rock band whose anthem "We Are Young" captures the spirit of this blue-collar ocean-front playground that was devastated by the Oct. 29 storm and has been furiously rebuilding ever since. The band played a free concert on the beach.

"This is known as a happy place," said Paul "Pauly

D" Del Vecchio, one of the cast members of "Jersey Shore," which was filmed here until wrapping up last year.

"Right after the storm, it was the exact opposite: dead, silent. To see this place being rebuilt makes me happy."

Christie, who has been racing up and down the shore opening boardwalks and

talking up shore tourism all week as the summer kickoff approached, appeared on the "Today" show Friday, giving him a national pulpit to preach his message of recovery.

"Anybody who lives in New Jersey, the Jersey shore is in your heart," Christie said. "This means everything to our state."

The show was broadcast

from Seaside Heights, where the storm swept a roller coaster into the ocean, making for one of Sandy's iconic images.

The roller coaster was taken away this month, but Casino Pier, the seaside amusement park where it used to sit, plans to have 18 rides open this summer.

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Seattle-Canada bridge collapse disaster injures 3

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Associated Press

**MOUNT VERNON, Wash-
ington (AP)** — The major

link between the U.S. and Canadian sides of the Pacific Northwest region was severed after a bridge collapsed, dumping a handful of vehicles and people into a river, police said. All three people who were on the span were rescued and taken to hospitals.

The four-lane Interstate 5 bridge — more than half a century old — collapsed about halfway between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia. It was caused by an oversize truck hitting the span, the Washington State Patrol chief said.

Initially, it wasn't clear if the bridge just gave way on its own. But at an overnight news conference, Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste blamed it on a big truck carrying a tall load that hit an upper part of the span.

The truck made it off the bridge and the driver remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators.

A Canadian trucking company said it received a state-issued permit to carry its oversized load across the bridge.

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Ed Scherbinski, vice president of Mullen Trucking in Alberta, told The Associated Press that the Washington state Department of Transportation had approved of the company's plan to drive a piece of drilling equipment along

Interstate 5 to Vancouver, Washington. He also said the company hired a local escort to help navigate the route.

Scherbinski said he was not sure whether the Mullen Trucking vehicle was the cause of the collapse, but

the driver could see the bridge falling in his rear-view mirror.

The mishap was reminiscent of the August 2007 collapse of an I-35W bridge in Minneapolis that killed 13 people and injured another 145 when it buckled and fell into the Mississippi River during rush-hour.

The collapse came at the start of one of the busiest holiday weekends of the year in the U.S., Memorial Day weekend. The collapse came before sun-down on a clear day.

At a news conference, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said federal officials were looking for a pre-fabricated structure to replace the 160-foot (48-meter) section that fell into the river. If one is found, a temporary fix could be in place in weeks. If one can't be quickly secured, the governor said it could be months before a replacement can be built. "You cannot overstate the importance of this corridor to Washington state," Inslee said. Traffic on the interstate and surrounding roads was backed up for miles throughout the area, a situation that the governor said would continue indefinitely.

"There will be substantial delays," he said.

Dan Sligh and his wife

were in their pickup truck on Interstate 5 heading to a camping trip when the bridge before them disappeared in a "big puff of dust."

"I hit the brakes and we went off," Sligh told reporters from a hospital, adding he "saw the water approaching ... you hold on as tight as you can."

Sligh, his wife and another man in a different vehicle were dumped into the chilly waters of the Skagit River when the span collapsed Thursday evening. They were injured, but authorities said it appeared nobody was killed in the bridge failure that raised the question about the safety of aging spans.

"We don't think anyone else went into the water," said Marcus Deyerin, a spokesman for the Northwest Washington Incident Management Team. "At this point we're optimistic." Sligh and his wife were taken to Skagit Valley Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The other man was reported in stable condition at United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley, hospital CEO Greg Reed said. Authorities are trying to determine what caused the bridge to collapse about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of Seattle in Skagit County.

State Patrol detectives and the patrol's commercial vehicle enforcement bureau troopers spoke to a commercial truck driver whose rig struck the structure.

Sligh said his shoulder was dislocated in the drop into the water, and he found himself "belly deep in water in the truck." He said he popped his shoulder back in and called out to his wife, who he described as being in shock initially as they waited for rescuers to arrive in boats.

Traffic along the heavily travelled route could be affected for some time.

Jeremiah Thomas, a volunteer firefighter, said he was driving nearby when he glimpsed something out of the corner of his eye and turned to look. □



Workers look over a collapsed portion of the Interstate 5 bridge at the Skagit River where a pickup truck can be seen in the water below Friday, May 24, 2013, in Mount Vernon, Wash.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

Toronto mayor denies smoking crack cocaine

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Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Toronto Mayor Rob Ford denied Friday that he smokes crack cocaine and said he is not an addict after a video purported to show him using the drug. The mayor of Canada's largest city did not say whether he has ever used crack.

Ford did not take questions from reporters at a news conference at City Hall held after a week of silence and after close allies released a letter urging him to address the video. The video apparently shows Ford smoking crack.

"I do not use crack cocaine, nor am I an addict of crack cocaine," Ford

said. "As for a video, I cannot comment on a video that I have never seen, or does not exist."

Ford had been ducking the media and his only comments before Friday on the scandal came a week ago, a day after the story broke, when he called the crack smoking allegations "ridiculous" and said the Toronto Star newspaper was out to get him.

Ford said he had kept quiet because his lawyer advised him "not to say a word."

The video has not been released publicly and its authenticity has not been verified. Reports on gossip website Gawker and in the Toronto Star claimed it was

taken by men who said they had sold the drug to Ford. The Associated Press hasn't seen the video.

The Star reported that two journalists had watched a video that appears to show Ford, sitting in a chair, inhaling from what appears to be a glass crack pipe. The Star said it did not obtain the video or pay to watch it. Gawker and the Star said the video was shown to them by a drug dealer who had been trying to sell it for a six-figure sum. The Star also reported that Ford allegedly made a racist remark about the high school football students he coached.

Ford criticized the media for judging him.

"It is most unfortunate, very unfortunate, that my colleagues and the great people of this city have been exposed to the fact that I've been judged by the media without any evidence," Ford said.

City Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker said he was profoundly disappointed in the mayor's statement and called on Ford to resign. De Baeremaeker said he believes the reports about Ford's alleged drug use and believes Ford's tenure is over. "I don't believe the mayor," he said. "He should resign and then go seek help." De Baeremaeker said he's observed erratic behavior from the mayor. □

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Christie said about 80 percent of the shore will look as it did last summer, and acknowledged more work needs to be done to fully recover. He is to tour parts of the storm-hit shore next Tuesday with President Obama.

Declaring the shore officially open for the summer, the governor cut a 5.5-mile long ribbon symbolically linking some of the shore towns that were hardest hit by the storm. Mike Janela, an adjudicator for Guinness World records, said the ribbon set a new record, besting the previous longest ribbon by about a mile in length.

Tourism is a \$38 billion industry in New Jersey, and shore towns are counting on a good summer to help them recoup major losses they incurred after the storm. A storm that parked itself over the shore and was expected to bring rain through Sunday morning didn't exactly help.

But Kevin Stewart, owner of JR's Ocean bar & Grill on the boardwalk, led a Champagne toast with his bar employees right after Christie cut the ribbon.

"Here's to a great summer!" he said as they clinked plastic cups that would normally be filled with beer.

JR's only put up its new sign at 5:30 a.m. Friday, about 90 minutes before Christie arrived for his broadcast. The business was devastated by Sandy, with 6 feet of water in it that left behind 5 feet of sand. It lost all its inventory and signs, which cost about \$300,000 to replace.

But Stewart said he is optimistic about this summer at the shore.

"If we get good weather, the people will still come here," he said. "Ninety percent or better of this town is rebuilt and ready to go. At the end of the day, this just might work."

Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, of "Jersey Shore," said crowds will be back this summer.

"You just come here to



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right, holds 6-week-old Willow DeParre, as first lady Mary Pat Christie looks on as they greet people during the opening of the New Jersey shore, Friday, May 24, 2013, in Seaside Heights, N.J.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

have a good time," she said. "It's a great place. You come here with your friends. Everybody's here, it's getting rebuilt; it's just amazing."

Her cast-mate Deena Cortese urged tourists to patronize Seaside Heights as it recovers.

"It's kind of like a family on the boardwalk here," she said. "Everybody needs to come this summer, especially for them."

Mark Romanowski, a bartender at JR's, said the "Jersey Strong" slogan that has adorned T-shirts, bumper stickers and sweatshirts for fundraising efforts since the storm is not a cliché.

"It really is the mentality we have here," he said. "People in Jersey, we may have our differences but the one common denominator is we have each other's backs." □



The rush hour commute starts in early afternoon and with greater intensity as traffic is jammed in both directions on Interstate 405 on the Westside of Los Angeles as commuters and Memorial Day vacationers hit the road. It's going to be another busy Memorial Day weekend on the nation's highways. From Thursday, May 23, 2013 and Monday, May 27, 2013, 31.2 million Americans will drive 50 miles or more to a beach, campground or other getaway, according to car lobbying group AAA.

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Obama speaks to naval grads about sexual assault issue

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - President Barack Obama used a commencement speech before Naval Academy graduates Friday to urge them to follow an "inner

compass" and to warn that rising numbers of sexual assaults in the military threatened to erode America's faith in the armed forces. The president praised the military as the nation's "most trusted institution,"

but took note of the recent cases in which service members have been charged with sexual assault. He said those people "threaten the trust and discipline which makes our military strong."

"We need your honor, that inner compass that guides you," the president said, essentially using the platform at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to scold those who have strayed from that direction recently. "Even more than physical courage, we need your moral courage - the strength to do what's right, even when it's unpopular." Obama delivered his remarks under cloudy, drizzly skies to 1,047 graduates, most of whom will receive commissions as officers in the Navy, the Marine Corps or the Air Force. Before the president spoke, Ray Mabus, the secretary of the Navy, said jokingly that the graduates had completed a journey "you began once you turned down your acceptance to West Point."

It was the second time Obama had addressed the graduates of the academy, and he was welcomed with enthusiastic cheers as

he congratulated them on becoming the military's latest officers. He echoed his remarks from a day earlier, telling the graduates that they enter the services at a time of transition in the war against terrorism.

"We still need to conduct precise, targeted strikes against terrorists before they kill our citizens," he said, noting the end of the Iraq War and next year's expected end of the U.S. role in Afghanistan. But he said, "we need to stay ready for the whole range of threats."

Four years after the president's first visit here, the specter of the growing number of sexual assaults in the armed forces gave the speech more of a somber tone. Obama said that incidents of sexual assault threatened to undermine the military's credibility just as failures of integrity undermined trust in politicians, financial institutions and government workers. □



Cadets throw their caps into the air during a commencement ceremony where President Barack Obama gave an address, at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., May 24, 2013. Obama welcomed the next generation of officers Friday even as the military confronted a growing number of sexual assault cases, which White House officials said he was likely to address.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

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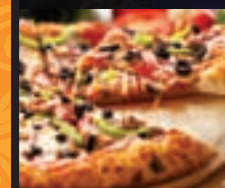
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Biographer regrets affair with former CIA director

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Associated Press

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) —

The biographer whose extramarital affair with then-CIA director David Petraeus triggered his resignation says she regrets the relationship and the harm and grief it caused her family.

Paula Broadwell told WSOC-TV in Charlotte on Thursday that she credited her husband and friends for standing by her as she rebuilds her life six months after her relationship with the married Petraeus was revealed by an FBI investigation and ignited a political firestorm. TV crews camped out front of her family home for days and Broadwell went into seclu-

sion. The couple has two young children.

"I have remorse for the harm, sadness that this has caused in my family and other families and for causes that we belong to," Broadwell said. "I'm blessed with family, community. That's been a great part of my rehabilitation and wonderful organizations that realize that even if you've made mistakes you can pick up dust off and move on."

Broadwell spoke briefly last month with a reporter outside a Charlotte prayer breakfast, but Thursday was her first in-depth media interview since the scandal broke. Broadwell is a U.S. Army reserve officer who met then-Gen. Petraeus

while researching a book about his wartime leadership in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The affair came to light after Broadwell sent vaguely threatening emails to a Florida socialite she viewed as a rival for his attention. That woman, Jill Kelley, showed the emails to an acquaintance who is an FBI agent. For his part, Petraeus made similar comments in March in a speech at an event for soldiers in California, saying he was sorry for the affair and the pain it caused his wife, family, friends and supporters.

"Needless to say, I join you keenly aware that I am regarded in a different light now than I was a year ago," said Petraeus, who



Paula Broadwell, author of the David Petraeus biography "All In." (AP Handout Photo)

retired as a four-star general before being named by President Barack Obama to head the CIA in 2011. "I am also keenly aware that the reason for my recent journey was my own doing."

Broadwell spends much of her time now working with local organizations in the Charlotte area that help returning veterans with finding jobs and housing. Broadwell said working with soldiers struggling to overcome visible and invisible wounds serves as therapy for her, as well.

"I'm not focused on the past, I'm not dwelling on it," she said. "It was a devastating thing for our family and we still have some healing to do, but we're very focused now on how can we continue to contribute and use this for the greater good, too." □

Judge: US sheriff's office profiles Latinos

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday that the office of America's self-proclaimed toughest sheriff systematically singled out Hispanics in its trademark immigration patrols, marking the first finding by a court that the agency racially profiles people. The 142-page decision by U.S. District Judge Murray Snow in Phoenix backs up allegations that Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's critics have made for years that his officers rely on race in their immigration enforcement.

Snow also ruled that Arpaio's deputies unreasonably prolonged the detentions of people who were pulled over.

A small group of Latinos alleged in a lawsuit that Arpaio's deputies pulled over some vehicles only to make immigration status checks.

The group also accused the sheriff of ordering some immigration patrols not based on reports of crime but rather on letters and emails from Arizonans who complained about people with dark skin congregating in an area or speaking Spanish. The group's attorneys pointed out that Arpaio sent thank-you notes to some people who wrote the complaints.

The sheriff has repeatedly denied the allegations, saying his deputies only stop people when they think a crime has been committed and that he wasn't the person who picked the location of the patrols. His lawyers also said there was nothing wrong with the thank-you notes.

Cecillia D. Wang, director of the ACLU Immigrants' Right Project, called the ruling a "great day for all the people of Maricopa Coun-

ty."

Arpaio's lead attorney Tim Casey was reading Snow's decision Friday afternoon before commenting on it. The sheriff, known for jailing inmates in tents and

making prisoners wear pink underwear, started doing immigration enforcement six years as Arizona voters grew frustrated with the state's role as the nation's busiest illegal entryway. □

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NY's Main Beach tops annual survey of best beaches

FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)

— This may be hard to believe in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, but an annual list of the best beaches in the country has a New York beach ranked No. 1.

Less surprisingly, that beach is in East Hampton, the vacation playground for the rich and famous.

In an announcement that coincides annually with the unofficial start of summer, coastal expert Stephen P. Leatherman on Friday released the 23rd version of his Top 10 Beach List, placing Main Beach in East Hampton at the top.

"The thing about the Hamptons is that people are so proud of their beaches out there," Leatherman told The Associated Press in an interview in advance of the release of his list. "People pick up



A sign lists rules and regulations to enter Main Beach in East Hampton, N.Y., stands ready to greet summer visitors. Main Beach is number one on the 2013 list of Top 10 Beaches produced annually by coastal expert Stephen P. Leatherman, also known as "Dr. Beach," director of Florida International University's Laboratory for Coastal Research. (AP Photo/Frank Eltman)

their litter there, the bathrooms are clean; they provide good services."

Leatherman, who goes by the nickname Dr. Beach, visited Main Beach earlier

this month. He said that unlike many beaches farther to the west and in New Jersey, the beaches on eastern Long Island saw less erosion and flooding from the effects of Superstorm Sandy.

"Considering the magnitude of the storm, people will be very pleased to see that Main Beach is the way they remember it," he said. Leatherman, a professor at Florida International University in Miami, has visited beaches around the world and uses criteria like water and sand quality, as well as safety and environmental management, to compile his annual list. Once a beach reaches the pinnacle of No. 1, it is retired from future consideration, he said.

Coopers Beach in nearby Southampton, N.Y., was

the No. 1 pick in the 2010 survey. Sarasota, Fla.'s Siesta Beach was tops in 2011 and Coronado Beach in California earned the top spot in 2012.

The other nine on Leatherman's 2013 list after Main Beach are: Kahanamoku Beach, Waikiki, Hawaii; St. George Island State Park, Fla.; Hamoa Beach, Maui, Hawaii; Waimanalo Bay State Park, Oahu, Hawaii; Barefoot Beach Preserve County Park, Bonita Springs, Fla.; Cape Florida State Park, Key Biscayne, Fla.; Cape Hatteras, Outer Banks, N.C.; Coast Guard Beach, Cape Cod, Mass.; and Beachwalker Park, Kiawah Island, S.C.

East Hampton village residents have free access to Main Beach, although parking permits are required from May 15 to Sept. 15. Non-residents can buy parking passes at \$25 per day but they are limited in number, with only 40 non-resident daily parking passes sold on weekends and holidays.

Max Scainetti, a lifelong East Hampton resident, said the tiny grains of tan sand and the cleanliness of the beach are two of the things that make Main Beach special.

"This is one of the best beaches in the country and I've been to a lot of beaches," Scainetti said. "I think basically it's a lot to do with the sand. A lot of Long Island beaches tend to be rocky where these are more sandy beaches." Javier Baldo, an East Hampton cook, said he has visited Main Beach regularly for about eight years. □



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Scouts face increased turmoil after gay youth vote

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Associated Press

The Boy Scouts of America will get no reprieve from controversy after a contentious vote to accept openly gay boys as Scouts.

Dismayed conservatives are already looking at alternative youth groups as they predict a mass exodus from the BSA. Gay-rights supporters vowed Friday to maintain pressure on the Scouts to end the still-in-place ban on gay adults serving as leaders.

"They're not on our good list yet," said Paul Guequiere of the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay-rights group. He said the HRC, in its annual rankings of corporate policies on workplace fairness, would deduct points from companies that donate to the Boy Scouts until the ban on gay adults is lifted.

In California, gay-rights leaders said they would continue urging passage of a bill pending in the Legislature that would make the BSA ineligible for nonprofit tax breaks because of the remaining ban.

The Boy Scouts' chief executive, Wayne Brock, pleaded for the Scouting community to reunite after the divisive debate that led to Thursday's vote by the BSA's National Council. The proposal to lift the ban on openly gay youth — while keeping the ban on gay adults — was supported by about 60 percent of the council's 1,400 voting members.

However, Brock's plea failed to sway some conservative religious leaders whose denominations sponsor many Scout units and who consider same-sex relationships immoral.

"Frankly, I can't imagine a Southern Baptist pastor who would continue to al-

low his church to sponsor a Boy Scout troop under these new rules," Richard Land, a senior Southern Baptist Conference official, told the SBC's news agency, Baptist Press.

Land advised Southern Baptist churches to withdraw their support of Scout troops and consider affiliating instead with the Royal Ambassadors, an existing SBC youth program for boys that combines religious ministry with Scouting-style activities.

Baptist churches sponsor Scout units serving more than 100,000 of the BSA's 2.6 million youth members. The Assemblies of God, which oversees units serving more than 2,000 Scouts, said it could no longer support such units and suggested its own Royal Rangers youth group as a "positive alternative."

John Stemberger, a conservative activist and former Scout from Florida who led a group opposing the policy change, said he and his allies would convene a meeting next month in Louisville, Ky., to discuss creation of a "new character development organization for boys."

"We grieve today, not because we are faced with leaving Scouting, but because the Boy Scouts of America has left us," Stemberger said. "Its leadership has turned its back on 103 years of abiding by a mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices."

There is a template for forming a conservative alternative to a major national youth organization. American Heritage Girls was formed in 1995 as a Christian-oriented option to the Girl Scouts of the USA, and it now claims more than 20,000 members.



Boy Scouts of America National Commissioner Tico Perez, front, addresses reporters questions as BSA National President Wayne Perry, left, rear, watches Thursday, May 23, 2013, in Grapevine, Texas. Local leaders of the Boy Scouts of America voted Thursday to ease a divisive ban and allow openly gay boys to be accepted into the nation's leading youth organization — one of the most dramatic moves the organization has made in a century.

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

From the left, gay-rights supporters — including President Barack Obama — generally welcomed the move to accept openly gay Scouts, but urged the BSA to take the further step of welcoming gay adults as leaders.

White House spokesman Shin Inouye said Obama "continues to believe that leadership positions in the Scouts should be open to all, regardless of sexual orientation."

Rich Ferraro of GLAAD, formerly known as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said his group would continue a campaign to discourage corporate giving to the Boy Scouts until the ban on gay adults is lifted. □



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Afghan Taliban strikes aid group, 2 guards killed

KAY JOHNSON
 Associated Press
 KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — In the latest militant strike on the Afghan capital, Taliban gunmen backed by a suicide car bomber attacked an international aid group's compound on Friday, killing two guards and setting off an hours-long street battle with police in the heart of Kabul.

The attack, the second in the city in just over a week, also left four International Organization for Migration workers wounded including an Italian woman badly burned by a grenade. Thirteen police were wounded while all six attackers died in the assault, authorities said.

The Taliban quickly claimed responsibility for the attack on a guest house used by the IOM in an upscale neighborhood of Kabul, a relatively uncommon op-

eration by the group targeting an international aid group.

At the chaotic scene of the siege, dozens of Afghan police took cover behind blast walls and rushed around through a thick cloud of smoke made by the bomb. At least one wounded officer was seen being helped away by his comrades. The insurgents have unleashed a wave of bombings and assassinations around the country, testing Afghan security forces' ability to respond with reduced help from international forces, who have begun a withdrawal that will see most foreign troops gone by the end of 2014. A Nepalese guard and an Afghan police officer providing security to the compound died in the assault as well as all of the attackers, said Kabul police chief Mohammad Ay-



Photographers run for cover following a suicide attack and ensuing gunbattle in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, May 24, 2013. A suicide bomber struck in the heart of the Afghan capital on Friday, sending a plume of smoke billowing over Kabul and setting up a gunbattle in the second major attack in the city in little over a week, police said.

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oub Salangi.

The attackers stormed into the building with grenade launchers after blasting open the compound's gate with the car bomb, Salangi said. He said police were able to evacuate the guest house with none of the residents killed.

From when the initial blast shook much of the city in the late afternoon until well past nightfall, fighting was still going on in the upscale Shahr-i-Now neigh-

borhood, home to several international groups' fortified compounds as well as the headquarters of the Afghan Public Protection Force and a hospital run by the National Directorate for Security.

Security forces were able to enter the building in late evening and by 10:30 p.m. the siege was over, according to Sediq Sediq, spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Interior.

"Fortunately, it is finished.

The last attacker has been killed by the police," Sediq told The Associated Press. Local television reporters demanded to know how a car bomber and five attackers could enter the capital, but Sediq portrayed the battle as a victory for security forces.

"We were successful because we prevented civilian casualties," he said. He said adding that 13 police were wounded in the fighting. "Wild terrorists attacked ... the IOM," police official Zemarai Bashari told The Associated Press at the scene. "Our forces are fighting the enemy with courage and honesty."

IOM spokesman Chris Lom told the AP in Geneva that an Italian woman working for the group was seriously burned by a grenade thrown into the compound by the attackers.

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UK security under scrutiny following soldier's slaying



Family members of murdered British soldier Lee Rigby, from left to right, sister Sara McClure, his mother Lyn, stepfather Ian, and his wife Rebecca Rigby, in front of a roll of honor board showing the deeds and sacrifices of the regiment, as his stepfather reads a statement during a press conference at the Regimental HQ of his unit, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers at Bury in Greater Manchester, England, Friday May 24, 2013.

(AP Photo/Dave Thompson)

PAISLEY DODDS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Both of the suspects accused of butchering a British soldier during broad daylight on a London street had long been on the radar of Britain's domestic spy agency, though investigators say it would have been nearly impossible to predict that the men were on the verge of a brutal killing.

Still, counter-terrorism officials said they are reviewing what — if any — lessons can be gleaned from the information they had leading up to the slaying Wednesday.

Authorities in the U.S. have similarly pledged to review their procedures in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombing, with the Boston police commissioner saying that cities should consider deploying more undercover officers and

installing more surveillance cameras. The British review comes amid an outpouring of grief over Wednesday's slaughter of 25-year-old Lee Rigby of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Rigby, who had a two-year-old son, had served in Afghanistan. Detectives say they do not believe the attackers knew him or that he was specifically targeted, but they are still investigating.

"We are looking at decisions that were made and reviewing whether anything different could have been done," said a British counter-terrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the investigation. "But you can't put everyone under surveillance who comes on to the radar."

Prime Minister David Cam-

eron said Thursday that the Intelligence and Security Committee would review the work of agencies such as Britain's domestic spy agency, MI5, in the wake of the attack "as is the normal practice in these sorts of cases."

In Britain, security officials operate under the "principle of proportionality," which means there needs to a compelling reason before any type of surveil-

lance is undertaken.

Surveillance can range from watching a person's movements to intercepting phone calls and electronic communication. The greater the level of intrusion into a person's privacy, the higher the level of government approval needed.

Although British police have not named either suspect — both are recovering from their injuries after being shot by police after

the killing — they had been known to law enforcement officers for as long as six years, the counter-terrorism official said.

The extremist group, whose name means "The Emigrants" in Arabic, captured attention shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, when it organized an event celebrating the airline hijackers who slaughtered thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. □



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Syrian regime OKs peace talks amid skepticism

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's government has agreed to attend a U.S.-Russian-brokered peace conference, according to Moscow. While this development might seem at first glance to be a step toward ending the civil war, strong skepticism persists on both sides.

Doubting that Damascus is serious and may be stalling while government forces make battlefield gains, the Syrian opposition has demanded guarantees that President Bashar Assad's departure top the agenda; Russia questioned whether the fragmented opposition is capable of negotiating with one voice.

The war has killed more than 70,000 people, and both sides are firmly entrenched in their positions and appear unwilling to compromise to stop the carnage and chaos engulfing the country.

"We are not willing to enter a tunnel with no guarantees of a light at the end of that tunnel," said Muhieddine Lathkani, a London-

based Syrian opposition figure. "There's still a lot of foggiess surrounding the talks and we are waiting for some answers," he said in a telephone interview. Much about the conference remains up in the

convince Syrian rebels to attend, and the Russians have been pressing Assad's regime to take part as well.

U.S. officials said Secretary of State John Kerry will extend a seven-day trip

The opposition is deeply suspicious about Assad's intention to hold serious peace talks, and the fact that the announcement was made by the Russians — Assad's government has not issued a definitive statement of its own — added to the skepticism.

"We would like to hear from the spokesman of the Syrian government. Why is Russia speaking on behalf of Syria?" opposition figure Louay Safi said.

Assad has already indicated he will stay in power at least until the 2014 presidential election in Syria and has nothing to lose by agreeing to take part in the conference, or at least going through the motions. While going along with an initiative proposed by his Russian allies and agreeing to participate, Assad gains more time to continue with his crackdown on the rebels.

The regime has been emboldened by recent successes in the war, including advances in the strategic town of Qusair near the border with Lebanon.

Kerry made clear at a

"Friends of Syria" conference in Jordan this week that more aid to the rebels would be coming if the regime refuses to cooperate with an international effort to form a transitional government. The U.S. is still reluctant to join those providing the rebels with lethal military aid, but some in the opposition are hoping that will change.

European Union foreign ministers plan a meeting Monday in Brussels to decide on whether to allow members to ship arms to the rebels.

Christopher Phillips, a lecturer in International Relations of the Middle East at Queen Mary, University of London, said both sides believe engaging in diplomacy is the price for weapons. "The voices of power on both sides believe they can win the conflict militarily," he said. "With that as a starting point, it's difficult to see to see how a peace conference is going to achieve the goals it wants."

Kerry acknowledged the difficulties of launching peace talks. □



A Lebanese army soldier, background, sits on the top of his armored personnel carrier in front of a burning tire laid by supporters of hardline Sunni Muslim cleric Ahmad al-Assir, in the southern port city of Sidon, Lebanon. The fire was laid to block a road leading to a cemetery in the southern city of Sidon to prevent the burial of a Hezbollah fighter Saleh Sabagh, 18, who was killed in a battle against Syrian rebels in the Syrian town of Qusair.

(AP Photo/Mohammed Zaatari)

air, including the date, the agenda, the timetable and the participants. Officials have said it should be held in June.

The U.S. is working to

through the Middle East and Africa by one day to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Monday to discuss their joint initiative.

Stockholm:

Riot-weary police get reinforcements

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Riot-weary Stockholm police were reinforced on Friday with officers from other parts of Sweden as the capital prepared for more unrest after youths burned cars, schools and damaged public property in several districts of suburban Stockholm in five consecutive nights of violence. At least 13 people, aged between 18 and 25, had been detained in connection with the disturbances which included an unsuccessful attempt to damage a police station, officers said.

"We have police officers from Goteborg and Malmo helping out now because we can't work 24/7," police spokeswoman Marie Hummer said. "We also need fresh officers as there is a busy weekend of events ahead, including a

big horse race."

Officers said the violence overnight Thursday had been less intense than previous nights and that the participants seemed less aggressive.

"I've been driving around and meeting people today (Friday) and it looks calmer than before," Hummer said. "There are a lot of community people out there too and parents of youth. We have so many engaged people now, worried people."

The unrest in the Stockholm suburbs, some of which are predominantly populated by immigrants, was sparked over perceived police brutality after officers fatally shot a knife-wielding man who had locked himself in his apartment. Some residents accused police of unnecessary violence when trying to arrest him

and others have said that officers, who reacted to the violence on the streets, were allegedly heard to have uttered racist slurs.

For some, the real reason for the unrest is the high unemployment and isolation of youths in the southern and western Stockholm suburbs where the violence occurred — ones who see little future for themselves or access to Sweden's prosperity.

Despite Sweden's high living standards and its egalitarian ways, the country has seen the biggest surge in inequality of any Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development country over the past 25 years, according to a recent OECD report.

The difference is striking between native Swedes and the fast-growing immigrant population. □

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Venezuela to create new workers militia

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuela's president has ordered the creation of a new workers' militia to defend the country's "Boli-

in a speech in Caracas late Wednesday got little attention in the Venezuelan media. The president said he had ordered military leaders to "move forward as fast as possible in the establish-

trooper who died in March, sought to incorporate the military into his political efforts to turn Venezuela into a socialist state. During his 14-year rule, he warned repeatedly of potential threats to the government,

to those who make themselves respected." Maduro narrowly beat opposition leader Henrique Capriles in an April 14 election that Capriles has refused to accept, alleging Maduro stole the vote

Cuba silent on corruption trial for Canadian

HAVANA (AP) — Official silence surrounded the case of a Canadian businessman targeted by a corruption probe in Cuba on Friday, as the initial trial of several foreigners suspected of graft entered its second day.

Sarkis Yacoubian, 53, who partnered with the Cuban government on multiple ventures, reportedly has been charged with bribery, tax evasion and "activities damaging to the economy." He faces up to 12 years if found guilty.

Yacoubian was seen entering a special courthouse on Friday, escorted by three men who appeared to be plainclothes security. Cuba's judicial system is known for its speedy proceedings behind closed doors with little or no media access and the government has not commented on Yacoubian's case, even to acknowledge that a trial has begun.

Canada's ambassador to Havana has been observing the proceedings, but Ottawa has also kept mum except to acknowledge that it is providing consular services to two of its citizens detained in Cuba.

"Canadian consular officials in Havana are in regular contact with local authorities and are monitoring the situation closely," said Emma Welford, a spokeswoman for the Department of Foreign Affairs. "To protect the privacy of the individual concerned, further details on these cases cannot be released."

Yacoubian has been under detention since July 2011, when his import and transportation company, Tri-Star Caribbean, was shuttered by authorities.

Two months later, authorities raided another Canadian-run company, the Tokmakjian Group. Its president, Cy Tokmakjian, is also expected to go on trial soon, as are two British citizens. □



A public university teacher wears a brown bag that reads in Spanish; "Don't see me as a bag face," loosely translated as "Don't take me for an idiot," during a protest in Caracas, Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

varian revolution" at a time when the government faces economic problems and political turmoil. President Nicolas Maduro gave few details about the militia, including how many members it would consist of, but said it would be part of the Bolivarian Militia created by late President Hugo Chavez, which consists of roughly 120,000 volunteers. Analysts have said only about one-fourth of that force is combat ready. Maduro's announcement

ment and organization of the Bolivarian Militias of Workers." He urged the crowd to imagine the respect the working class would command if it had "300,000, 500,000, 1 million, 2 million uniformed workers, armed, prepared to defend the sovereignty of the homeland." Critics have warned such militias could be used to cement the socialist government's hold on power. Chavez, a former para-

including what he alleged were conspiracies in the United States and Venezuela's opposition, which they denied. Maduro, whom Chavez anointed as his successor, echoed those allegations as he announced the creation of the new militia. "In this world where there still are empires who fight to control territory, riches and people, there is no respect for the weak," Maduro said. "Respect is given to those who have morale,

through fraud, voter intimidation and abuse of public resources. The president also is under pressure to preserve unity within his own ranks, amid reports of an internal power struggle in the Chavista movement. Adding to his woes, the economy is faltering despite having vast oil resources, with soaring inflation and shortages of food and basic necessities, including toilet paper, testing the patience of citizens. □

Honduras:

Gangs to announce truce to cut violence

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A Roman Catholic bishop says Honduras' two largest and most-violent gangs will sign a truce on Tuesday. Monsignor Romulo Emiliani says the gangs will apologize to the public

and ask for dialogue with the government and police to start changing from their gang lifestyle. Emiliani spoke to The Associated Press on Friday. He said the Mara Salvatrucha and 18th Street need govern-

ment help to stop charging protection fees to finance their war with each other. He said prisons from which many gang leaders operate must be turned into rehabilitation centers. Honduras has the highest

murder rate in the world, according to U.N. figures. Leaders of the same two gangs in El Salvador signed a truce in March 2012. Since then, Salvadoran authorities say homicides have dropped 52 percent. □



Tikkun Olam Event shows gratitude to Aruban Community!

ORANJESTAD - On Thursday, 23rd of May, 2013, a Tikkun Olam Event was held in the new store Caribbean Clothing and Co. on the Main Street of Oranjestad. This was a closed event, open only to those who work with the foundations the Tikkun Olam Corporate Responsibility program supports. Donations were handed out and the men and women who work so hard to support our community were celebrated and treated to delicious snacks and drinks.

Tikkun Olam, which loosely translated means "Repair the World" is an established program within The Salamander Group since 2007. A percentage of every purchase at stores affiliated to the Salamander Group is donated to support one of Aruba's local charities; it's a way of expressing gratitude to the Aruban Community they are so proud to be a part of. The Recipients for this event are as follows;
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Artist Vanessa Paulina illustrates 2 Hilli Arduin books

ORANJESTAD - Vanessa Paulina illustrated 2 books of the Dutch Surinam writer Hilli Arduin. Hilli Arduin visited Aruba last year during the Children's Book festival. The book titles are "IK NEEM JE MEE" (I will take you with me) and "ABOIKONI". In the illustrations of Vanessa Paulina the characters; Akesi, Aboikoni, Boniand Rogier and Selina shine bright with the pride and determination they live the message of: I Am here and I will continue! Vanessa also did the lay-out of the 2 books. The books received the yearly award in Surinam as the Promised Book of the year 2013. Vanessa is a visual artist in

the disciplines of painting, illustration and fashion design, who studied fashion and illustration at Willem de Kooning Art Academy in Rotterdam. Prior to this she studied at the Fashion Academy in Eindhoven and Windroos Rotterdam where she graduated as best student. To sustain her artistic endeavor she took classes in Caribbean history at the University of Leiden and did different courses in 'Business management' at Atlas in Rotterdam, 'Time management' and 'In the Picture' at Kunstenaars en Co in Amsterdam, all in the Netherlands. Vanessa has worked in addition to painting as a free-

lance stylist and fashion designer. She has worked for different magazines such as Dutch and BLVD. Vanessa also worked for various fashion shows and video-clips for bands. And she has worked on television programs like the series 'Westenwind' and the well known TV show 'Rayman is laat'. Vanessa has also worked with different theater groups like 'Rotjong' where she designed the costumes for the 2 plays 'Alice' and 'Peter Pan', and also worked with 'Kibra Barera' in the production of 'Tula Be Free' a theater /dance performance where she designed the costumes and did the makeup. Vanessa

has given different workshops in painting and fashion design here in Aruba and Curacao, as in The Netherlands, USA and Surinam. For more information on the artist you can visit her website www.vanessapaulina.com Hilli Arduin, is the writer of these 2 books. She was born in Surinam, brought up in Curacao and lives in The Netherlands and Surinam. She is a Psychologist and a Remedial educationalist. She always used her talent in her work through storytelling. Arduin has been telling stories for over 20 years, this in the Caribbean, The Netherlands and Africa. In her storytelling she unifies the visual aspect with her storytelling and takes the audience to a magical place, she does this with lots of imagination using face and body expressions. Arduin has studied different traditions of storytelling in different cultures. She tells children's stories of villages, religion, spider Anansi and different themes that have to do with women, money, death and love. In November 2011, she published her book "Prinses Ivana" (Princess Ivana). About the Artist: Vanessa V.I. Paulina grew up in the Caribbean, on the ABC islands; Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, places that are all very dear to her. Her African/Indian heritage is therefore quite visible in her work. She departs to The Netherlands where she studies Fashion design and Illustration. Consider-



ing the world as her playground her life becomes a journey to discover the globe basking in live experiences she later expresses in her paintings. Always signing her work with the initials WIP Vanessa explains that the W stands for the 2 V's joined together. WIP also stands for "West Indies Productions", which is also written on the label of her fashion designs. As a painter Vanessa is best known for her Childhood and Schizophrenia series: In her 'Childhood Series' she relives her past memories by painting moments captured in time. The series will probably never have an ending, as Vanessa loves having her inner child around. Filled with nostalgia, in the series she deepens the layers and let her paintings speak about vulnerability, healing and acceptance. Having exhibited around the world, her work always leaves traces of the Diaspora she comes from. Vanessa also works as a muralist and has given various international art classes in Drawing, Painting, theater and Fashion. □

Beauty On The Beach

Alyssa Jones

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Q: "Where is the mother turtle?"

A: The female came ashore March, 13th and left her eggs to incubate in the warm sand. She covered the nest carefully and camouflaged the nesting spot, returned to the sea and will not look after her offspring.

Q: "How do you know where the nests are?"

A: During the nesting season (March - July) volunteers of Turtugaruba walk the beach every morning at 5.30 AM and monitoring also takes place at night. Barriers are placed around a nest immediately after the female turtle has returned to the sea or when the nest is discovered.

Q: "Are all the nests here, at Eagle Beach, of the same species of sea turtle?"

A: Yes, that is correct. Every year four different spe-

cies of sea turtle come to Aruba to lay eggs, but the Leatherback Sea Turtle is the only one that nests at Eagle Beach and the Low Rise Hotel area. By now the sun has set and it's getting dark. That means that the onlookers cannot take pictures anymore. Sea turtles are disoriented by artificial light and will not find the sea, so absolutely no lights and "NO FLASH" is the policy!

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Associated Press

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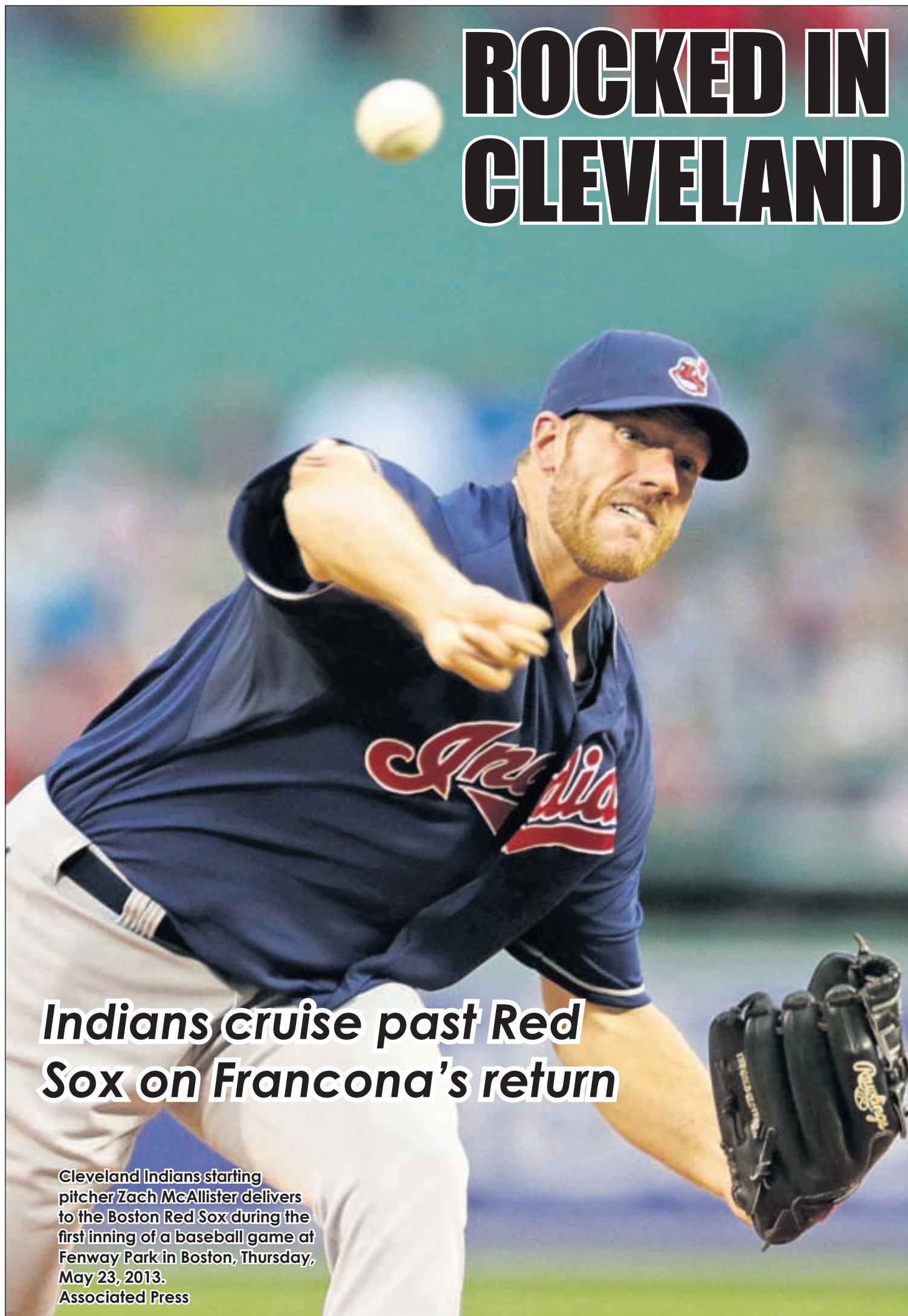
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) —

Matt Kuchar was hoping he would be able to finish his second round Friday night at Colonial. He ended up with the lead — and a very early wakeup call. Kuchar had only three holes to complete in what so far was a bogey-free round, with his ball already on the 16th green. He was at 10 under and described the conditions as “just perfect right now.”

But Kuchar was among 54 players still on the course when play was suspended at Hogan’s Alley because of an impending storm system. The 18 groups that didn’t finish are scheduled to resume the second round at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, just more than 12½ hours after coming off the course. “That’s a bit of a bummer,” said Kuchar, who opened with a 5-under 65. “It’s no fun to wake up at 4:30 to get out here and play three holes.”

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ROCKED IN CLEVELAND



Indians cruise past Red Sox on Francona's return

Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Zach McAllister delivers to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, May 23, 2013.

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McIlroy, Donald miss cut at BMW PGA Championship

BERNIE MCGUIRE

Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England

(AP) — With less than a month to go before the U.S. Open, Rory McIlroy is still looking for his true form after missing the cut at the BMW PGA Championship on Friday.

The world's No. 2-ranked golfer finished with a 3 over par 75 for the day and a 5 over total for two rounds on the West Course at Wentworth.

McIlroy was one of five 2012 European Ryder Cup winners to bow out of the Tour's flagship event — joining two-time defending champion Luke Donald, Ian Poulter, Graeme McDowell and Paul Lawrie.

However, it was a different story for another of Europe's winners at Medinah. Francesco Molinari put himself in position to capture a fourth European Tour title by shooting a 68 in cold, wet conditions to move one shot clear of the field on 6 under.

"I am really happy with my two days and while the conditions were quite tough, I'm hitting the ball well off the tee, and the putter is also working well," the Italian said.

Four players — South Afri-



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy during Round Two of the BMW PGA Championship at the Wentworth Club, Surrey Friday May 24, 2013.

can George Coetzee (70), Scotland's Marc Warren (70), England's Mark Foster (69) and Spain's Alejandro Canizares (70) — share second place on 5 under.

Spain's Sergio Garcia (71) put aside controversy earlier in the week after an inappropriate remark about Tiger Woods to be just five shots from the lead at 143. McIlroy could only manage to hit four fairways in his second round, a roller-coaster

front nine of four birdies but also five bogeys. The Northern Irishman steadied to par the next seven holes but then doubled-bogeyed the 17th when he drove out-of-bounds ahead of a two-putt birdie at the last.

It is the second year in succession that McIlroy has missed the cut at Wentworth.

"It was just a tough day and I didn't get off to the best

start to be 2 over through 3," McIlroy said. "I did manage a couple of birdies to get back to level but it was a grind."

"I was missing a lot of greens and couldn't really give myself many chances to make any shots back and obviously try to get into the weekend."

McIlroy was undecided as to whether to travel to Paris to see his girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki prepare for the

French Open or travel to Monte Carlo for the Monaco F1 Grand Prix.

Donald (72) was 6 over after two rounds and missing the two over par cut by four shots in the miserable conditions.

"Even for England this weather is pretty unseasonal and it made the course play very tough because the last couple of years it's been very warm and the ball has travelled a lot," Donald said. "I was nine over through 21 holes playing pretty terrible golf, really." Poulter (76) and 8 over is planning to make the most of his free weekend, going to the Champions League final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday and then to the Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday. "I'm fine. I'm fine," Poulter said.

"Don't worry about me as I will be posting some good scores again, soon."

Lawrie was 3 over par with a 72 and McDowell 5 over after a 75.

McDowell's last five tournament results are now: missed cut (Masters), win (RBC Heritage), missed cut (Players Championship), win (Volvo Match-Play Championship) and missed cut (BMW PGA Championship). □



Snow falls close to the start area of the 19th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race, in the village of Ponte di Legno, northern Italy, Friday, May 24, 2013.

Associated Press

PONTE DI LEGNO, Italy (AP)

— The 19th stage of the Giro d'Italia was canceled Friday because of snow

along the route and Saturday's penultimate stage was altered for the same reasons, leaving Vincenzo

Friday's 19th stage of Giro canceled due to snow

Nibali with a much milder finish to defend his lead.

On Friday, organizers said there were "adverse weather conditions and, in particular, snow on the stage route in its entirety." The 19th stage in the 21-leg race had already been altered because of avalanche threats and sub-zero temperatures. With snow and ice predicted, the Gavia and Stelvio passes were cut from the route. However, a longer 160-kilometer (100-mile) route from Ponte di Legno was set to be climbed to the original finish of Val Martello.

The altered route was to go over the Tonale pass, which

was also snowed over.

"The organizers have put the security of riders first and the UCI supports their decision,"

said Pat McQuaid, president of the international cycling federation. "The riders have been racing in very difficult conditions this week, but today those conditions are just too extreme."

Nibali, an Italian who rides with Astana, holds a 4:02 lead over 2011 Tour de France winner Cadel Evans of Australia, who rides for BMC. Rigoberto Uran of Colombia is third overall, 4:12 behind.

"It seems like a fair deci-

sion," Uran said. "Being this cold it's really impossible to bike."

Nibali boosted his lead by winning Thursday's mountain time trial.

The 20th stage on Saturday was supposed to be another arduous leg but some of the major climbs have been removed, although the altered route will still begin in Silandro and finish with an uphill climb to Tre Cime di Lavaredo. It will now follow a 210-kilometer (130-mile) route, slightly longer than previously scheduled.

The race ends on flatter ground in Brescia on Sunday. □

NHL Capsules

Red Wings win to put Blackhawks on the brink

DETROIT (AP) — Jakub Kindl scored on a power play in the second period, Daniel Cleary had an empty-net goal and Jimmy Howard made 27 saves to help the Detroit Red Wings hold on for a 2-0 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Thursday night, putting the NHL's best team during the regular season on the brink of elimination.

After losing Game 1, the seventh-seeded Red Wings have surged into control of the second round series by handing Chicago its first three-game losing streak of the year.

Game 5 is Saturday night in Chicago.

The Blackhawks had a power play with 4:45 left in the game when Kindl was called for hooking, but they couldn't tie the game.

RANGERS 4, BRUINS 3 OT
Chris Kreider steered in a pass from Rick Nash 7:03 into overtime, and the New York Rangers stayed alive in the Stanley Cup playoffs with a 4-3 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

New York, which erased 2-0 and 3-2 deficits in the critical Game 4 matchup in the Eastern Conference semifinals, still trails the series 3-1.

The Rangers will need to win again on Saturday in Boston to force a Game 6 back in Madison Square Garden.

The Rangers, who were outshot 40-32, won a faceoff deep in their zone, and Nash rushed the puck up ice. He stopped above the right circle and fed a hard pass in front that Kreider skated into and tipped past Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask for his first goal of the



Detroit Red Wings defenseman Carlo Colaiacovo lies in the net after coming off his posts against the Chicago Blackhawks during the third period in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals in the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs in Detroit, Thursday, May 23, 2013.

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playoffs.

KINGS 3, SHARKS 0

Jonathan Quick made 24 saves in his seventh career playoff shutout, and Los Angeles moved to the brink of its second straight trip to the Western Conference finals with a victory over San Jose in Game 5. Anze Kopitar and Slava Voynov scored, and Jeff Carter added an empty-net goal as the defending Stanley Cup champions won their 13th consecutive home game in dominant fashion and lead the series 3-2.

Antti Niemi stopped 26 shots for the Sharks, who have played more than

96 minutes without a goal since they appeared to be taking control of the series midway through Game 4.

Game 6 is Sunday night at the Shark Tank.

The home team has won every game in the series, and the Kings remained unbeaten at Staples Center since March 23. □



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AL Capsules

Stubbs, Reynolds lead Indians over Sox

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Drew Stubbs and Mark Reynolds drove in three runs each and Cleveland had 16 hits in the Indians' 12-3 win over the Boston Red Sox in manager Terry Francona's return to Fenway Park on Thursday night.

Francona, let go by Boston after the 2011 season, got a standing ovation after the first inning during a video tribute on the center-field scoreboard.

In eight years as manager, Francona led the Red Sox to two World Series championships. In his first year as Cleveland's manager, he has the Indians in first place in the AL Central after they went 68-94 last season.

They're 22-9 in their last 31 games.

Zach McAllister (4-3) allowed three runs in five innings. He hasn't allowed more than three earned runs in any of his nine starts this year.

Ryan Dempster (2-5) gave up four runs in three innings in his third straight poor start for Boston.

Every Cleveland starting batter had a hit and all except Jason Kipnis scored.

Carlos Santana reached base five times with a single and four walks.

TIGERS 7, TWINS 6

DETROIT (AP) — Prince Fielder bounced a tie-breaking single off Jared Burton's glove in the eighth inning, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 7-6 come-from-behind victory over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday night.

Omar Infante started the inning with a single and was bunted to second by Torii Hunter. Ron Gardenhire then ordered Miguel Cabrera intentionally walked, but Fielder foiled the plan with a grounder that Burton (0-2) deflected past second baseman Brian Dozier.

Cabrera drove in three runs, including his sixth homer in four games. Cabrera has now matched a career high by homering in four straight games. He has also walked five times in the four games, and Fielder has followed all five with hits, driving in seven more runs.

Joaquin Benoit (1-0) pitched a perfect inning of relief, while Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his



Boston Red Sox first baseman Mike Napoli (12) lands on his head while missing the catch on a foul by Cleveland Indians' Yan Gomes in the seventh inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, May 23, 2013.
Associated Press

fifth save.

BLUE JAYS 12, ORIOLES 6

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion hit his fifth career grand slam, J.P. Arencibia homered and

drove in four runs and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Baltimore 12-6 on Thursday night, spoiling the debut of Orioles right-hander Kevin Gausman.

Brandon Morrow (2-3) allowed six runs and a season-high 10 hits in seven-plus innings. He walked one and struck out five.

Brett Cecil and Brad Lincoln each worked one inning of scoreless relief as Toronto won for the third time in four games.

Baltimore's Chris Davis hit his major league leading 15th home run, a leadoff shot in the fourth.

Nick Markakis and Adam Jones hit back-to-back homers off Morrow in the eighth but it wasn't enough for the Orioles, who lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Baltimore's Manny Machado went 3 for 4 with three doubles, boosting his major league-leading total to 21. The fourth overall pick in the 2012 draft, Gausman (0-1) allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. He walked two and struck out five.

ANGELS 5, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mike Trout and Albert Pujols hit solo home runs, and Mark Trumbo hit a two-run shot.

Joe Blanton got his first victory of the season after going 0-7 in his first nine starts. He held the Royals to seven hits and two runs in 6 1-3 innings. Trumbo put the Angels up 5-2 in the eighth with his team-leading 11th homer.

Ervin Santana (3-4), who spent 12 seasons in the Angels' organization before being traded during the off-season to the Royals, struck out eight without a walk, but allowed five runs and eight hits — four of which were homers. Chris Iannetta hit one in the fifth. The Royals scored on ground outs by Alex Gordon and Mike Moustakas. Robert Coello got the final out for his first big league save.

In other AL games it was L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 4; Toronto 12, Baltimore 6; Detroit 7, Minnesota 6 and Cleveland 12, Boston 3. □

NL Capsules

McCutchen, Pirates beat Cubs for 4th straight win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Andrew McCutchen had three hits and two RBIs to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates past the Chicago Cubs 4-2 on a rainy Thursday for their fourth straight win.

Leadoff hitter Starling Marte singled and scored in each of the first two innings as Pittsburgh built an early 4-0 lead. The Pirates moved a season-best 11 games over .500 with its 11th victory in 13 games.

Edwin Jackson (1-7) gave up two runs in the first inning and two more in the second. He lasted only three innings and has a 6.11 ERA through 10 starts. Jackson is in his first season



Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen, center, scores ahead of the tag of Chicago Cubs catcher Wellington Castillo, left, on a RBI-single by Michael McKenry during the first inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh Thursday, May 23, 2013. The Pirates won 4-2. Making the call on the play is umpire Mark Wegner.
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with the Cubs after signing a four-year, \$52-million

contract over the winter as a free agent. □



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Spectators leave the Colonial Country Club as an incoming storm ends play for the second round of the Colonial golf tournament on Friday, May 24, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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At least Kuchar has the lead, by one stroke over Graham DeLaet, the Canadian who shot a 67 in a morning round completed before a 2-hour, 10-minute delay just after noon because of lightning. DeLaet was at 9-under 131.

Kuchar, No. 13 in the world and the highest-ranked player in the field, took the lead with a 6-foot-birdie putt at 457-yard 14th hole, and recovered from a drive into a fairway bunker on the 15th for a par while clouds darkened and thunder could be heard in the distance.

Soon after Kuchar, the WGC-Accenture Match Play winner in February, teed off at the par-3 16th, and his ball landed about 40 feet from the cup, the horn sounded ending play. It was raining heavily about 30 minutes later.

First-round leader Ryan Palmer, the Colonial member who had an opening 62, was still at 8 under after an up-and-down 12 holes Friday that he managed to play at even par.

Steve Flesch (64), 19-year-old Jordan Spieth (67) from Dallas and Josh Teater (67) finished at 8 under.

Flesch's 64 matched the best completed round of the day and, more importantly, will end his string of 16 missed cuts on the PGA Tour since October 2011.

The 2004 Colonial champion missed the cut in all 12 of his PGA Tour starts last year before right shoulder surgery in August, and is playing only his third tour event this year. The 45-year-old Flesch is playing on a non-exempt major medical extension and has to make \$647,510 between this weekend and his next three events to prolong that medical extension.

"I'm very comfortable here and just glad to actually play on the weekend now," Flesch said. "I was actually cruising, then I got that rain delay and I kind of lost all of my rhythm. ... It's like starting your whole round over. My swing didn't feel very well on those last three (holes)."

Flesch was on the course trying to complete his morning round when play was stopped for the first time. He had just made a 33-foot birdie putt at the difficult par-4 fifth hole, his 14th hole of the day. The lefty finished with four pars in a row. □

R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Manchester City overcame a three-goal deficit to beat rival Chelsea 4-3 on Thursday in the opener of a two-game U.S. tour.

Edin Dzeko's second goal of the game tied it in the 85th minute for Man City and Micah Richards scored the stoppage-time winner by redirecting a header into the net.

"They've had a tough couple of weeks, losing the manager, losing the F.A. Cup final," Man City assistant manager Brian Kidd said.

"You can't say enough about them. They are a very talented squad, no doubt about it."

Kidd is temporarily in charge after Roberto Mancini was

fired one season after winning the English League title. Malaga coach Manuel Pellegrini is the anticipated replacement.

"That's in the papers so everyone's speaking about it," Richards said. "You never know, sometimes there's always late runners coming in."

Jose Mourinho appears headed back for a stint as manager for Chelsea after failing with Real Madrid.

"Every manager might change slightly during the years," Chelsea goalie Petr Cech said.

"It'll be great to see him back, and we'll see if we can reproduce the same magic."

Whatever happens, Cech said there'll be pressure.

"In a big club you always have the same expecta-

tions, no matter who's the manager," Cech said. "You always want to win every time."

In a game played before a standing-room crowd of 48,623 at the St. Louis Cardinals' Busch Stadium, Juan Mata set up a pair of first-half goals for Chelsea against the general run of play. Mata's cross set up Demba Ba's header for the lead in the 15th minute and Cesar Azpilicueta converted a penalty shot after Mata was dragged down by Karim Rekik.

Manchester City scored through Javi Garcia and Dzeko in a 3-minute span of the second half not long after Chelsea had substituted first-choice goalkeeper Cech and brought on Jamal Blackman, and the two late goals sealed the win. □

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WHO: Scientific red tape mars virus efforts

JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — International efforts to combat a new pneumonia-like virus that has now killed 22 people are being slowed by unclear rules and competition for the potentially profitable rights to disease samples, the head of the World Health Organization warned Thursday.

Dr. Margaret Chan, in a blunt warning to the U.N. agency's annual global assembly, portrayed a previously little-known flap over who owns a sample of the virus as a global game-changer that could put people's lives at risk. The virus, which first emerged in Saudi Arabia where most cases have arisen, is called MERS for Middle East respiratory syndrome.

Fouchier tested, sequenced and identified it last September as a new virus. Then his private medical center patented how it synthesized the germ and required other researchers who wanted samples to first sign an agreement that could trigger a payment. Saudi Arabia, which had the first case, said the patenting delayed its development of diagnostic kits and blood tests. "There was a lag of three months where we were not aware of the discovery of the virus," Deputy Health Minister Ziad Memish told the Geneva assembly. He said the sample was sent to the Dutch lab without official permission.

So far there is no blood test for detecting infection in communities. Memish said

other tests though a few other facilities in Canada, Britain and Germany have samples.

Fouchier, however, said the agreements between individual countries are similar to those within WHO's networks.

"There are no restrictions to the use of the virus for research and public health purposes. There are only restrictions for commercial exploitation and forwarding virus to third parties," he wrote in an email, responding to questions from The Associated Press.

Any delays claimed by WHO are a misconception, he said. "After the first identification of the virus, diagnostic tests were developed in collaboration with several public health laboratories, and these tests were distributed free of charge to everyone around the world who asked for them," Fouchier added. "We have not denied access to the virus to any research and public health laboratory with the appropriate facilities to handle this virus safely."

The World Health Assembly, the decision-making body of WHO, meets from May 20-28. Indonesia has previously refused to share samples of the bird flu virus that has been seen in Southeast Asia for several years. That country claimed vaccines made from those samples would be too expensive for developing countries to afford. That dispute led to a protracted series of negotiations with WHO and others to ensure poor nations would have access to vaccines in a global epidemic. At the assembly, Fukuda said the new MERS virus has now claimed 22 lives out of 44 cases, mostly in Saudi Arabia.

The latest fatal case involves a 63-year-old man in central Saudi Arabia with an underlying health condition who died Monday, five days after being hospitalized. WHO officials say they do not believe it is related to a cluster of cases reported in the eastern part of the country. □



Esther Angeles, 41, who developed diabetes after moving to the U.S., eats lunch with her daughter, Johanna Marisol Gomez, 7, in Brownsville, Texas, May 11, 2013. A growing body of mortality research on immigrants has shown that the longer they live in this country, the worse their rates of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes.

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The health toll of immigration

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BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Becoming an American can be bad for your health.

A growing body of mortality research on immigrants has shown that the longer they live in this country, the worse their rates of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. And while their American-born children may have more money, they tend to live shorter lives than the parents.

The pattern goes against any notion that moving to America improves every aspect of life. It also demonstrates that at least in terms of health, worries about assimilation for the country's 11 million illegal immigrants are mistaken. In fact, it is happening all too quickly.

"There's something about life in the United States that is not conducive to good health across generations," said Robert A. Hummer, a social demographer at the University of Texas at Austin.

For Hispanics, now the nation's largest immigrant group, the foreign-born live about three years longer than their American-born counterparts, several studies have found.

Why does life in the United States — despite its sophisticated health care system and high per capita wages — lead to worse health? New research is showing

that the immigrant advantage wears off with the adoption of American behaviors — smoking, drinking, high-calorie diets and sedentary lifestyles.

Here in Brownsville, a worn border city studded with fast-food restaurants, immigrants say that happens slowly, almost imperceptibly. In America, foods like ham and bread that are not supposed to be sweet are. And children lose their taste for traditional Mexican foods like cactus and beans. For the recently arrived, the quantity and accessibility of food speaks to the boundless promise of the United States. Esther Angeles remembers being amazed at the size of hamburgers — as big as dinner plates — when she first came to the United States from Mexico 15 years ago.

"I thought, this is really a country of opportunity," she said. "Look at the size of the food!" Fast-food fare not only tasted good, but was also a sign of success. "I was proud and excited to eat out. I'd tell them: 'Let's go eat. We can afford it now,'" said Juan Muniz, 62, recalling his first visit to Church's Chicken with his family in the late 1970s. "We have a time bomb that's going to go off," said Dr. Amelie G. Ramirez, a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. □



A nurse walks towards the Roger Salengro Hospital (CHRU) in Lille, northern France, where two patients were diagnosed with the coronavirus related to SARS. Officials are now trying to track down everyone who went on a tour group holiday to Dubai with the first patient as well as all contacts of the second patient. Since it was first spotted last year, the new coronavirus has infected 34 people, killing 18 of them. Nearly all had some connection to the Middle East.

(AP Photo/Michel Spingler)

"Please, I'm very strong on this point, and I want you to excuse me," she said. "Tell your scientists in your country, because you're the boss. You're the national authority. Why would your scientists send specimens out to other laboratories on a bilateral manner and allow other people to take intellectual property rights on a new disease?"

The controversy stems from a sample taken by Saudi microbiologist Ali Mohamed Zaki that he mailed last year to virologist Ron Fouchier at the Erasmus Medical Center in the Netherlands.

that patients need to be isolated because in some cases, diarrhea or vomiting may help spread the germ. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, WHO's assistant director-general for health security, said his agency also has been "struggling with diagnostics" because of property rights concerns and ill-defined international rules for sharing such materials.

Chan railed against any arrangement that could prevent rapid sharing of information or that would enable individual scientists or private labs to profit. WHO officials say the delays involve blood and

Netflix looks to hook subscribers with 'Arrested'

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Netflix is hoping this week-end's release of the resurrected TV series "Arrested Development" will draw more subscribers to its Internet video service.

The award-winning show about the dysfunctional Bluth family returns Sunday, seven years after Fox cancelled the series. The revival coincides with Netflix's own resounding comeback from a customer backlash over price increases and shareholders' worries about rising expenses. The adversity had raised doubts about the company's management and future.

Now, Netflix is winning back subscribers and investors with a bold attempt to establish its \$8-per-month service as a home entertainment powerhouse that rivals the broadcast television networks and premium cable channels such as HBO. "Arrested Development," a comedy that won six Emmy awards during a critically acclaimed three-year run, is the third exclusive series from Netflix Inc. this year. It's part of Netflix's effort to add more original programming to a selection that consists primarily of old TV series and movies. With 29.2 million U.S. subscribers — far more than the 21.9 million TV subscribers that leading cable provider Comcast Corp.

has — Netflix has already reshaped home entertainment. Netflix has also expanded to several European countries in recent years.

The service is encouraging more people to forego cable and satellite TV service and rely on Netflix to watch popular TV series a year or more after they originally were shown. Netflix also is empowering viewers to watch an entire season of a TV series in a matter of days instead of months.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings isn't done disrupting things yet. He is spending more than \$2 billion annually, including about \$200 million to finance original programming that can be watched on traditional computers, smartphones, tablets, video game consoles and Internet-connected TVs.

By expanding its library of content, Netflix is hoping people will decide to spend their idle time on its Internet video service rather than play video games, fraternize on Facebook, surf cable or satellite TV or watch a DVD. (Netflix started out as a DVD-by-mail rental service, but it is phasing that out in favor of Internet streaming.)

"We want our members to choose Netflix in these moments of truth," Hastings wrote in a recent essay outlining Netflix's philosophy.

By bringing back "Arrested

Development" this weekend, Netflix is also trying to prove that people still want to see quality entertainment even when the weather is getting nicer and the days are growing longer. That runs counter to the philosophy of broadcast TV networks, which for decades have typically started the new seasons of their top TV series in September and stopped showing new episodes just before the Memorial Day holiday weekend in the U.S. BTIG Research analyst Rich Greenfield believes the scarcity of compelling choices on broadcast TV at this time of year is bound to help Netflix draw more viewers to "Arrested Development." In a recent analysis posted on BTIG's blog, Greenfield predicted that the total number of hours watched on Netflix in June might even surpass the Fox broadcast network for the first time. If that were to happen, it would be an ironic twist, given that Fox canceled "Arrested Development" in 2006 over the protest of the series' fervent fans. "Arrested Development" had low ratings during its run, but the viewers who did watch loved it. Others discovered the show later on DVD or Internet streaming — both of which have been available through Netflix.

The first three seasons of "Arrested Development" were being watched by so



This image released by Starpix shows actors Will Arnett, left, and Jason Bateman, from the revived series "Arrested Development," holding chocolate-covered frozen bananas at the Bluth's Original Frozen Banana stand in the Times Square section of New York on Thursday, May 16, 2013. Season four of the series will premiere Sunday, May 26 on Netflix.

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many subscribers that Netflix knew another season would be well-received by its existing audience and would likely lure new subscribers, too.

Like Netflix's previous series, all 15 new episodes of "Arrested Development" will be released simultaneously to allow viewers to watch the show as if they were perusing a book and deciding how many chapters to pore through in a single sitting. "Arrested Development" is scheduled to be available at 3:01 a.m. EDT Sunday (0701 GMT), meaning Netflix subscribers could conceivably devour the entire season.

Netflix's departure from TV's traditional one-episode-per-week strategy has been well received by subscribers who have watched the service's pre-

vious forays into original programming.

February's release of "House of Cards," a political drama that stars Oscar-winning actor Kevin Spacey, helped Netflix add 2 million more U.S. subscribers during the first three months of the year, more than analysts anticipated. "Hemlock Grove," a quirky horror series, attracted additional viewers during the first weekend after its mid-April release, according to Netflix, although the company hasn't provided specific numbers.

It's difficult to quantify how many subscribers joined Netflix to watch "House of Cards" and then decided to stick with the service after seeing all the other material available.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Major stock indexes closed out their first weekly loss in a month in quiet trading Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500

index dropped 0.91 of a point to close at 1,649.60. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 8.60 points to 15,303, a gain of 0.1 percent. Procter & Gamble supported the Dow with an increase of 4 percent.

Both indexes had their first weekly losses since the week ending April 19. Concerns over the Federal Reserve curtailing its support for the economy and sharp

falls in Asian markets rattled investors this week. Some investors are concerned that the Fed will scale back its effort to support the economy sooner than they expected.

The S&P 500, widely used by mutual funds as a proxy for the stock market, lost 1.1 percent for the week. It's still up 15.7 percent for the year.

Marty Leclerc, the manag-

ing partner of Barrack Yard Advisors, an investment firm in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, said the weekly drop wasn't cause for concern. Even market rallies have to take the occasional break, he said.

"It's up like a rocket blast this year," Leclerc said of the stock market. "For there to be a little bit of a pullback is perfectly understandable."

The market headed sharply lower at the start of trading on Friday, then spent the rest of the day slowly recovering ground. By the closing bell, market indexes were roughly back to where they started.

Procter & Gamble announced late Thursday that it's bringing back its former CEO, A.G. Lafley, to run the company. The world's largest consumer-products maker, whose brands include Tide and Crest, is trying to increase sales in the face of tough competition. P&G rose \$3.18 to \$81.88.

Sears plunged 14 percent after the department-store chain reported a steep quarterly loss and slumping sales after the market closed Thursday. Sears lost \$7.92 to \$50.25.

The Nasdaq composite slipped 0.27 of a point to 3,459.14.

Eight of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 fell. Only financial stocks and

consumer staples makers rose.

The stock market slipped Friday despite an encouraging report on U.S. manufacturing. The government said orders for long-lasting goods rebounded in April, helped by demand for aircraft and stronger business spending. The report suggests economic growth may hold steady this spring. Until this week, signs of slow but steady economic growth and record profits for big companies had propelled stock-market indexes to all-time highs.

All but 11 companies in the S&P 500 have posted their first-quarter earnings, and the results have turned out much better than expected. Nearly seven of 10 have reported higher earnings than analysts had estimated. Overall profits in the first quarter are on track to climb 5 percent over the year before.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped to 2.01 percent from 2.02 percent late Thursday.

The price of crude oil slipped 10 cents to settle at \$94.15 a barrel, ending with a drop of \$1.87 for the week. Gold lost \$5.20 to \$1,386.60 an ounce.

Trading was light ahead of the long weekend. U.S. financial markets will be



Trader Donato Cuffone works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange near the close of trading. Asian shares traded erratically Friday May 24, 2013 but European markets found their footing, a day after global stocks were routed by unexpectedly weak Chinese manufacturing and fears the Federal Reserve will start withdrawing its monetary stimulus.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

News Corp. OKs poison pill, buyback before split

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — News Corp. said its board of directors has approved plans to split its entertainment and publishing businesses into two separate companies. The company also adopted a shareholder-rights plan designed to prevent a hostile takeover in the volatile trading period after the split is complete.

The New York-based media conglomerate also said Friday that the target date for the split is June 28. The company holding its TV and movie properties will be 21st Century Fox. The new News Corp., a smaller entity, will be focused on newspapers and publishing. Both will be publicly traded, under separate ticker symbols.

The board also approved a program for the publishing business to buy back \$500 million of shares after the

split, providing a buttress to its share value.

The shareholders-rights plan, known as a poison pill, will make it expensive for any investor to buy more than 15 percent of the voting shares in either company for a year after the split. It does so by giving existing shareholders the opportunity to buy new shares issued by the company for about half the price if that 15 percent threshold is reached.

That allows founder Rupert Murdoch, who will be chairman of both companies and CEO of 21st Century Fox, to buy more shares to maintain his control of 40 percent of the voting stock in both companies.

While the poison pill is standard and precautionary, News Corp. has been stung in the process of transferring shares in the past.

In 2004, when News Corp. transferred

shares from its base in Australia to the U.S., billionaire cable TV magnate John Malone bought a threatening 16 percent of voting shares, which he later traded back to News Corp. at a premium, for a 41 percent stake in satellite TV operator DirecTV and \$625 million in cash.

The company also detailed who will be on the boards of both companies after the split, adding three directors to the Fox side and four directors to the new News Corp.

Among the new Fox directors is Delphine Arnault, deputy general manager of Christian Dior Couture, and Jacques Nasser, former CEO of Ford Motor Co. On the publishing side, incoming CEO and former Wall Street Journal managing editor Robert Thomson will join the board, as will Ana Paula Pessoa, a partner at public relations firm Brunswick Group. □

closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Among other stocks in the news Friday:

— Intuitive Surgical gained 5 percent after a jury decided in favor of the maker of robotic medical equipment in the first of many lawsuits filed against the company. The plaintiffs argued that Intuitive was negligent in training doctors to use its equipment. Intuitive's stock rose \$23.07 to \$501.53.

— Titan Machinery plunged 9 percent. The company, which deals in agricultural and construction equipment, said late Thursday that weaker revenue will lead it to a wider quarterly loss than it had expected. Titan's stock lost \$2.10 to \$20.40. □

US senator urges look at security over Sprint deal

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer urged regulators to “use extreme caution” when reviewing the proposed acquisition of No. 3 cell carrier Sprint Nextel by Japan’s Softbank, saying the Japanese company’s use of Chinese networking equipment could open up U.S. networks to snooping and hacking.

The New York Democrat sent letters Friday to the Treasury Department and Federal Communications Commission, both of which are reviewing Softbank Corp.’s offer to buy 70 percent of Sprint Nextel Corp. for \$20.1 billion. “I have real concerns that this deal, if approved, could make American industry and government agencies far more susceptible to cyber attacks from China and the People’s Liberation Army,” Schumer said in a statement. Satellite TV broadcaster Dish Network Corp. has a competing, \$25.5 billion offer for all of Sprint, and has raised the security issue as one reason Sprint shareholders should prefer its bid. Softbank has offered to remove the Chinese-made equipment that’s already in Sprint’s network to assuage security concerns. The Pentagon said this month that China appeared to be engaged in cyberspying against the U.S. government, the first time it has made such an assertion in its annual report on Chinese military power. Chinese authorities dismiss the allegations. There have been no reports of Chinese-made networking equipment helping the hackers. China’s Huawei Technologies has in recent years become one of the world’s largest makers of telecommunications equipment. Its products are widely deployed except in the U.S., where security concerns have kept it out of the running for most contracts. □

US durable goods orders rise 3.3% in April

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. orders for long-lasting manufactured goods rebounded in April, buoyed by more demand for aircraft and stronger business investment. The gains suggest economic growth may be holding steady this spring. Orders for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, rose 3.3 percent last month from March, the Commerce Department said Friday. That followed a 5.9 decline in March. A measure of business investment plans increased 1.2 percent. And the government revised the March figure to show a 0.9 percent gain, instead of a slight decrease.

Companies ordered more machinery and electronic products last month, typically signs of confidence. More spending by businesses could ease fears that manufacturing could drag on the economy later this year. Factories had been seeing fewer orders at the start of the year, in part because slower global growth had reduced demand for U.S. exports. Economists had also worried that across-the-board federal spending cuts and higher taxes might prompt businesses to cut back on orders.

Paul Ashworth, an economist with Capital Economics, said the April report suggests economic growth is holding up. He predicts growth in the April-June

quarter will be at a rate of 2 percent to 2.5 percent. That’s not much lower than the 2.5 percent rate reported for the January-March quarter. Still, the payoff from the pickup in business investment may not come until the end of the quarter. That’s because the government looks at shipments when it measures the gross domestic product, not orders. And shipments of goods that signal investment plans fell in April, reflecting weaker demand at the start of the year.

“Business investment appears to have started the second quarter on a weak note but should rebound over the final two months of the quarter,” he said. The April increase pushed total orders to \$222.6 billion

on a seasonally adjusted basis. That is 6.5 percent above the level of a year ago. Orders for transportation goods gained 8.1 percent, reflecting a 16.1 percent jump in demand for commercial aircraft and a 53.3 percent increase in orders for military aircraft. Orders for motor vehicles increased 1.9 percent.

Excluding the volatile transportation category, orders rose 1.3 percent in April. That followed a 1.7 percent decline in March. Still, other reports showed that factories continued to struggle in April.

The Institute for Supply Management reported factory activity barely expanded in April, held back by weaker hiring and less company stockpiling. □

Delta ups the ante in battle for US travel market

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NEW YORK (AP) — Delta Air Lines opened a \$1.4 billion terminal at Kennedy Airport Friday, strengthening its hand in the battle for the lucrative New York travel

market. The expanded terminal built by Pan Am in 1960 that was an embarrassing way to welcome millions of visitors to the United States. Kennedy Airport is still the primary gateway to the U.S. It saw 13.1 million inbound international passengers

Delta carries about 2.1 million of those arriving international passengers at JFK, more than any other carrier, according to the airport’s operator, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The 346,000-square-foot (32,144-sq. meter) concourse houses local restaurant favorites like Blue Smoke and Shake Shack. Meanwhile, 75 percent of seats at the gates have access to electric outlets. The expansion added nine new gates at the terminal. Construction is expected to soon begin on 11 additional gates for Delta’s smaller regional jets.

New York is one of the few big cities in the U.S. not dominated by one airline. Carriers fight viciously to win the business of bankers, lawyers and consultants based in the city whose companies pay top dollar for last-minute flights. United Airlines, which primarily flies out of Newark Liberty International Airport

— across the Hudson River in New Jersey — is the region’s largest carrier, flying 27.4 million passengers in the 12 months ending in March.

But thanks to a swap of landing slots at LaGuardia Airport with US Airways, Delta is now a close second, with 23 million passengers annually in New York. JetBlue follows with 14.6 million and then comes American Airlines with 13.9 million. □



Virgin CEO Richard Branson, left, and Delta airlines CEO Richard Anderson pose for photographers inside the new Delta terminal 4 at JFK airport, Friday, May 24, 2013 in New York.

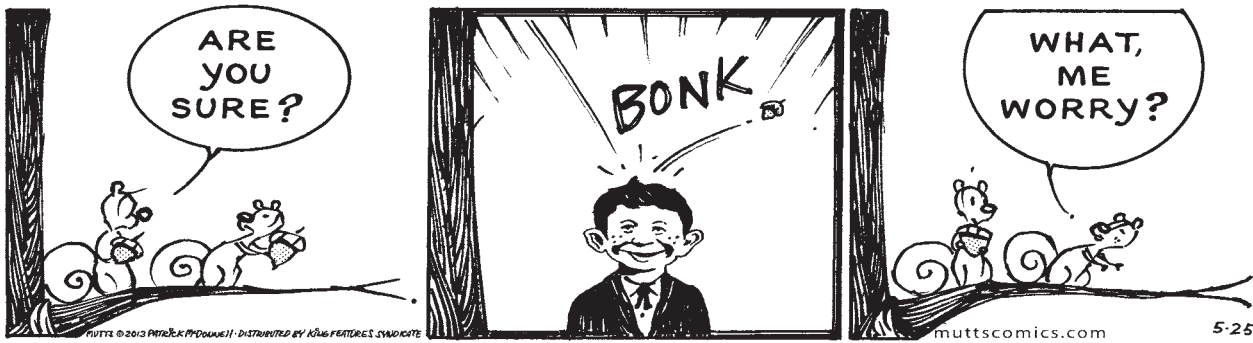
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market. The expanded concourse offers sweeping views of the airport, upscale food and shopping options and increased seating. The facility was also celebrated Friday for what it replaces: a decrepit terminal

last year, more than any other American airport, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Miami International Airport was the next closest at 9.8 million, followed by Los Angeles International Airport at 8.3 million.

Delta CEO Richard Anderson said his customers “and the residents of New York now have the international hub facility that they expect and deserve.” Travelers will appreciate both the big and small touches in the new facility.

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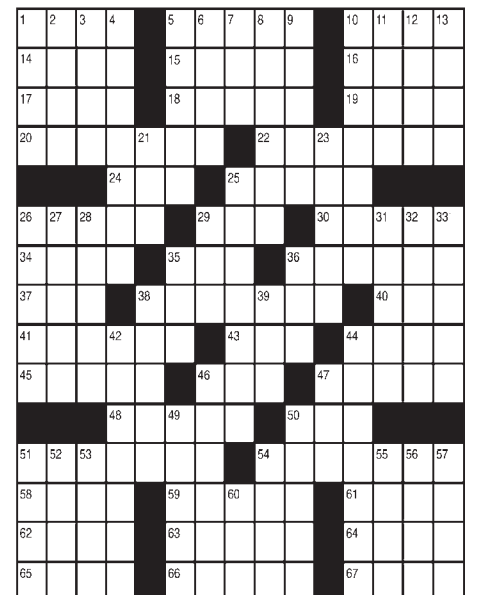
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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'Beach Hair' is riding the wave

BEE-SHYUAN CHANG

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The sleek look is still prevalent in the moneyed precincts of Manhattan, but for a certain segment of the population, what has come to be known as "beach hair" (tousled, tawny, done to look undone) reigns supreme after Memorial Day. Even if one is nowhere near an actual beach.

Among its enthusiasts are Brett Heyman, 33, founder of the luxury accessories line Edie Parker, named for her daughter, Edie. Both Edies came into the world about three years ago, and that is when Heyman, with "definitely a lot going on in my life," met Chris Lospalluto, a hair stylist at Sharon Dorram Color in Sally Hershberger's Upper East Side location, who has since given her the unfussy, low-maintenance wave she seeks.

"I have messy hair to begin with, and it's just a better version with Chris," Heyman said, noting that Lospalluto works fast. "It's not 'Real Housewife'-y - that's always the fear - and he always gets my references: the whole 'I was surfing in Costa Rica for a month' look."

Heyman has since recommended Lospalluto to many friends, including Eleanor Ylvisaker, a founder of the clothing line Earnest Sewn, and Rebekah McCabe, who works in public relations at Chanel. Both now skip pristine blowouts in favor of wavy styling. Lospalluto said he became the "beach hair guy" by accident, but he found "it resonated as an everyday style that was natural and was better than boring, straight hair." And though his fee starts at \$85 for a process that uses varying curling irons and heat settings, there is a certain lack of ostentation to the results. "When they're done, they don't look like they went to a salon," he said.

The beach wave, once a shrugging result of summer weather and activities, has taken on a certain artfulness: stretching



Shelby Israel, a model, sports "beach hair" in New York. Beach hair, once an unavoidable result of summer weather and activities, has taken on a certain artfulness -- stretching year-round, coast to coast and with surprising staying power.

(Casey Kelbaugh/The New York Times)

year-round, coast to coast, and with surprising staying power. Indeed Oribe, the hair guru based in Miami Beach, tracks the laid-back style back more than a decade.

"It came from Gisele," he said, referring to the Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen. "But she has that hair naturally. It just dries like that."

If you lack Gisele's genetics, there is a cornucopia of sprays, mousses and creams aiming to tousle, tumble and clump. Perhaps the best known, Bumble and bumble Surf

Spray, is a salty solution first introduced in 2001 that the company said has become its No. 1 seller.

It is expanding, with the addition of a Surf shampoo and conditioner arriving on shelves this month.

For effective beach waves, said Jordan M, an editorial stylist at Bumble and bumble, women must "own their texture" and resist the urge to overpreen. "I see a lot of girls trying to do beach hair, but it ends up 'Barbie doll,'" he said, perhaps because the long-running trend has taken on polish over the years. □

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Study: Amphibians disappearing at alarming rate

By JEFF BARNARD

Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)

— A new study has determined for the first time just how quickly frogs and other amphibians are disappearing around the United States, and the news is not good.

The U.S. Geological Survey said Thursday that populations of frogs, salamanders and toads have been vanishing from places where they live at a rate of 3.7 percent a year.

That puts them on a path to disappearing from half their inhabited sites nationwide in 20 years.

USGS ecologist Michael J. Adams said the alarming news is that even species thought to be doing OK are declining, though at a slower rate, 2.7 percent a year.

"These are really ancient species that have been surviving a long time on earth through all kinds of changes," Adams said. "It's just a concern to see."

The data showed that species on the International Union for Conservation of Nature red list of declining



This April 19, 2005 file photo shows a red-legged frog being displayed for visitors after being captured by a Forest Service ecologist in a pond at the Mount St. Helens National Monument, Wash.

species were disappearing from sites at an even higher rate, 11.6 percent a year. That would result in half the sites being unoccupied in six years. A third of amphibian species are on the red list.

"They just disappear," Adams said. "Populations are going away."

It has been known for a long time that amphibians are in trouble around the world from a killer fungus, habitat loss and a changing climate, but this is the

first time that decline has been measured, Adams said.

"We are not making predictions," he added. "We are just trying to document the current trend."

Researchers plan to continue monitoring amphibians, giving scientists a way to measure how effective future efforts are in protecting and restoring the animals, Adams said.

The study conducted by the USGS Amphibian Research and Monitoring

Initiative was published Wednesday in the online journal PLOS One.

Scientists from USGS monitored hundreds of ponds, streams and other sites in 34 study areas around the country for the past nine years, returning two or three times a year to see if they were occupied and by what species. Most of the sites were on public lands with some level of protection.

"It's troubling that even on what are basically pro-

tected areas, we are seeing declines on average," Adams said.

Andrew Blaustein, a professor of zoology at Oregon State University not involved in the study, said the results were not surprising, because scientists have been worried about amphibians since the early 1990s.

"Now we need to continue to look at the causes, which will not be simple, because as the study suggests, they may involve factors that are not limited to local regions," he said in an email. "Many agents, including disease, atmospheric changes, pollutants, changes in climate etc. may interact with one another."

"We should continue our efforts to save these animals because of their importance in ecosystems."

Adams said it was difficult to help amphibians cope with something as big as climate change, but steps were being taken to remove more localized threats, such as non-native species of fish that eat amphibians. □

U.S. space chief updates on asteroid lasso mission

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AP Science Writer

PASADENA, California (AP)

— Surrounded by engineers, NASA chief Charles Bolden inspected a prototype spacecraft engine that could power an audacious mission to lasso an asteroid and tow it closer to Earth for astronauts to explore.

Bolden checked on the progress Thursday a month after the Obama administration unveiled its 2014 budget that proposes \$105

million to jumpstart the mission, which may eventually cost more than \$2.6 billion. Engineers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California and Glenn Research Center in Ohio are developing a thruster that relies on ion propulsion instead of conventional chemical fuel.

Once relegated to science fiction, ion propulsion — which fires beams of electrically charged atoms to propel a spacecraft — is preferred for deep space

cruising because it's more fuel-efficient. Engine testing is expected to ramp up next year.

During Thursday's visit to the JPL campus, nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains northeast of Los Angeles, Bolden viewed an engineering model of the engine and peered through a porthole of a vacuum chamber housing the prototype.

NASA is under White House orders to fly humans to an asteroid as a stepping stone to Mars. Instead of sending astronauts all the way to an asteroid, as originally planned, the space agency came up with a quicker, cheaper idea: Haul the asteroid close to the moon and visit it there. The space agency would launch an ion-powered unmanned spacecraft to snare a yet-to-be-selected small asteroid in 2019 and park it in the moon's neigh-



NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, left to right, Firouz Naderi, Director for the Solar System Exploration, and John Brophy, Electric Propulsion Engineer, are shown during Bolden's visit to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., on Thursday, May 23, 2013. NASA engineers are developing an ion engine for an asteroid capture mission later this decade.

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borhood. Then a spacewalking team would hop on an Orion space capsule that's currently under development and explore the rock in 2021.

Besides preparing astro-

nauts for an eventual trip to Mars, NASA said the asteroid-capture mission is designed to test technologies to deflect threatening space boulders on a collision course with Earth. □

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This April 30, 2010 file photo shows the Stone Temple Pilots, from left, Dean Deleo, Eric Kretz, Robert Deleo, and Scott Weiland from the band Stone Temple Pilots, pose for a portrait in Santa Monica, Calif.

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Stone Temple Pilots sue ex-frontman Scott Weiland

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stone Temple Pilots have accused the band's former frontman Scott Weiland of hijacking its name and songs to promote his solo career. The lawsuit filed Friday in Los Angeles also accuses Weiland of being chronically late to concerts when he was with the band and having a lawyer interfere with airplay of a new single by the group.

The 45-year-old Weiland and Stone Temple Pilots parted ways in February, and the singer said at the time that he learned of his ouster from a statement released to the media. A phone message left for his manager Andrea Pett-Joseph was not immediately returned. The band's hits include "Vaseline," "Interstate Love Song" and "Plush," which won a Grammy in 1993 for best hard rock performance with vocal. □

Takei says John Cho good choice for latest 'Star Trek'



American actor George Takei gestures with a hand greeting made popular by the television series *Star Trek* arrives at the Marina Bay Sands hotel on Thursday, May 23, 2013 in Singapore for the inaugural Social Star Awards.

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HEATHER TAN

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Portraying USS Enterprise helmsman Hikaru Sulu in the latest "Star Trek" movie comes with big shoes to fill, but the man who played the part in the TV series and six films has given his blessing to the actor currently playing the role. Even though George Takei — whose portrayal of Sulu made him a science fiction legend — said he had not yet had time to catch

recently released "Star Trek Into Darkness" due to his busy schedule, he feels John Cho is the "ideal choice" to carry on Sulu's legacy due to the actor's "charm, intelligence, dash and sharpness." "When (director) J.J. Abrams first announced he had cast Hikaru Sulu, I got a call from John (Cho) asking to have lunch with me," Takei said Friday in Singapore, where he attended the inaugural Social Star Awards. "He was very cu-

rious about the intensity of 'Star Trek' fans and doing comic conventions, but he was more concerned about how the fans would accept him because they have identified the character of Sulu with me for so long and he was worried about how he would be received."

"So I told him that it wouldn't be too long before I'll be known as the guy who played John Cho's part, and he was comforted by that," Takei said with a laugh.

Takei, who's 76 and lives in Los Angeles, has had a tremendous following in recent times, with more than 4 million fans on his Facebook page sharing "Star Trek" trivia and news about his current projects.

"People used to think of him as that guy from 'Star Trek,' but now they recognize him as George Takei," said his manager and partner, Brad Takei. "So in other words, his popularity in social media has brought a new generation of fans, and he is now very popular with younger people." □

Rare Superman comic found in house insulation

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It's considered the Holy Grail of comic books: Action Comics No. 1 from 1938, featuring the debut of Superman. And David Gonzales found one mixed in with old newspapers insulating a house he was renovating in a small town in Minnesota. Gonzales did some research that confirmed the comic with a cover showing the Man of Steel holding a car over his head was valuable, though it's not worth as much as it could have been. The book sat undisturbed in the ceiling of the house in Hoffman for over 70 years. But a few days after he found it, Gonzales said, he got into a heated dis-



In this image provided by Metropolis Collectibles/ComicConnect, Corp., shows the front and back cover of "Action Comics No. 1" from 1938, featuring the debut of Superman, that was found by David Gonzales mixed in with old newspapers insulating a wall in a house he was renovating in a small town in Minnesota.

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cussion with his wife's aunt about its value, and she wanted a cut of the mon-

ey. He said he also grew irritated because every time she would turn a page,

crumbs of paper would fall out.

Finally he said, he grabbed it and tossed it aside, accidentally tearing the back cover.

"I don't care about the money," he recalled telling her. "I don't care. It's my comic book. I can burn it if I want to."

Gonzales said his wife's aunt backed down when his wife warned her he was serious.

Partly because of the damage and partly because the book shows

the effects of its long service as insulation, New York-based online auctioneer ComicConnect.com said it's graded 1.5 on a 10-point scale. By comparison, an Action Comics No. 1 that was graded a 9 recently fetched \$2.16 mil-

lion.

"Valuable comic books so often have almost magical — and in many cases, ironic — back-stories like this," said Vincent Zurzolo, co-owner of ComicConnect. Bidding on Gonzales' find was up to \$137,000 as of Friday. Bidding will close June 11. Gonzales said he figures he'll get about half the sale price after the auction site and the Florida comic dealer he originally took the book to get their share. Gonzales said he understands the ripped cover and other damage might have shaved \$75,000 off the potential price. But he said that doesn't bother him.

"I'm not a hungry person about money," he said, adding that he'd rather work for it. □

Jewel portrays June Carter Cash for Lifetime

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NEW YORK (AP) — It helps to have a singer portray a singer, of course. The on-stage scenes came naturally to Jewel when she played the role of June Carter Cash in the new Lifetime movie, "Ring of Fire."

Jewel's experience came in handy in an unexpected way during a key scene in the film, which premieres Monday (9 p.m. EDT). Her character is shown writing the movie's title song, which became a signature hit for future husband Johnny Cash. She writes about falling in love with someone not her spouse, figuring she was going to hell — the "ring of fire" — for it.

"It would have been very difficult to do if I hadn't written songs and known what my process was," Jewel said. "I had no idea what it was like for her to write. So I just had to write like I did."

The movie is based on the book about June's life, "Anchored in Love," written by her son John Carter Cash. While the 2005 theatrical film "Walk the Line" depicted June and Johnny's love



This publicity image released by A&E Television Networks shows Matt Ross as Johnny Cash, left, and Jewel as June Carter Cash in a scene from the Lifetime Original Movie, "Ring of Fire," premiering Monday, May 27 at 9pm ET/PT on Lifetime.

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story mostly from his perspective, "Ring of Fire" is a portrait of June before she met Johnny, during their courtship and through their long marriage.

The movie's executive producer, Jonathan Koch, said he'd had dinner once with Jewel and husband Ty Murray and came away impressed, particularly by her sense of humor. He called to ask her to portray June Carter Cash when he agreed to make the movie.

"The first thing she said to me was, 'You know, I'm not an actress,'" Koch recalled.

That's not completely true;

she made "Ride With the Devil" with director Ang Lee. But the 39-year-old Jewel, who has lately concentrated on making music for the country and children's markets while raising her son, had decided not to pursue the field. There are only so many hours in a day, days in a week.

"I sort of made a personal decision," she said. "Do I need to be rich and famous or do I need to have a more balanced life? So I let acting go."

Koch constructed a relatively compact schedule that enabled her to say yes.

Jewel did her research,

impressed with a musical career that began with country music's legendary Carter family (actress Frances Conroy plays Cash's mother, Maybelle, and musician John Doe plays her uncle, A.P. Carter). She had met June and Johnny in London when she was the opening act for one of their concerts, calling them "lovely people."

As a divorced, single woman working to support two children in an era where that was unusual, Cash was "a modern woman before they really existed," she said.

"She was a really, really charismatic, bright woman who was formerly known as Johnny Cash's wife and I'm glad Lifetime decided to tell her story, because she had an amazing career before she even met Johnny," she said.

Jewel also enjoyed bringing out the wit that flowed naturally from Cash as a young solo musician and later as her husband's foil. "Jewel's hilarious," Koch said. "She's really funny. She really took to this part. If you ask her, I think one of the things that drew her to this opportunity was that she had a chance to be

funny."

Cash's sense of humor had its limits, though, best illustrated in a scene where June rejects some corny, demeaning lines written for her as she was about to sing on Johnny's television variety show. Johnny backs her up.

There was certainly nothing funny about the years of drug abuse she had to put up with, both at the beginning of their romance and later in life. Johnny Cash, portrayed by Matt Ross in "Ring of Fire," is admitted to the Betty Ford Center after June told him in an intervention that if he didn't take care of his problem, he'd lose his wife.

When she visits Johnny at Betty Ford, June is surprised when a therapist turns to her and says she needs to talk with a professional, too. She had to take her own health into account, and Jewel noted that June suffered back pain and other physical problems perhaps brought on by the mental strain.

"It's very common for the spouses of addicts to die before the addicts because the stress of addiction is worse than the drug," Jewel said. □

Netflix looks to hook subscribers...

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That's because "House of Cards" debuted during a winter period that is traditionally one of the service's prime times. For instance, Netflix added 1.74 million subscribers in the first three months of 2012. The difference between the two years could be an indication that "House of Cards" generated an additional 250,000 subscribers, although there is no way of knowing for sure.

In any case, "Arrested Development" is expected to attract even more new subscribers than "House of Cards" because of its built-in fan base and the success that several of its cast members have enjoyed since the show's cancellation. The original cast,

including Jason Bateman, Michael Cera and Will Arnett, is returning to the zany series revolving around a family whose opulent lifestyle was torn apart by the arrest of a corrupt patriarch played by Jeffrey Tambor.

In the new episodes, viewers will get updates on the characters, one by one. Although that was done because of difficulties booking the actors all at once, it ended up allowing for a non-traditional viewing experience, one more fitting on Netflix than a traditional network. Viewers, for instance, will be able to pause an episode on one character to watch the same scene from another character's vantage point. The long-awaited return of "Arrested Development" prompted Netflix to be



This undated publicity photo released by Netflix shows David Cross, left, and Portia de Rossi in a scene from "Arrested Development," premiering May 26, 2013 on Netflix. The sitcom, also starring Jason Bateman and Will Arnett, was canceled by Fox in 2006 after three seasons.

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more optimistic about subscriber growth during the traditionally sluggish April-to-June period, Hastings told The Associated Press in a recent interview. The California company predicted that it could gain as many 880,000 U.S. Internet

streaming subscribers during the second quarter. Without the series, Hastings said, the projected increase probably wouldn't have exceeded 530,000, the growth it had during the same period a year ago.

If "Arrested Development" does as well as Hastings hopes, it will mark another triumph for a company that had fallen out of favor with subscribers and investors less than two years ago. Netflix infuriated customers in July 2011 when it announced price increases of as much as 60 percent for people who wanted to rent DVDs by mail and stream Internet video. Then, Hastings unleashed even more outrage by outlining plans to spin off the DVD-by-mail option into a separate service called Qwikster.

Netflix didn't waver on its new pricing system, even though it resulted in the loss of 800,000 customers at the time. But Hastings scrapped the Qwikster concept amid the backlash. □

Japan, The Model



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A generation ago, Japan was widely admired - and feared - as an economic paragon. Business best-sellers put samurai warriors on their covers, promising to teach you the secrets of Japanese management; thrillers by the likes of Michael Crichton portrayed Japanese corporations as unstoppable juggernauts rapidly consolidating their domination of world markets.

Then Japan fell into a seemingly endless slump, and most of the world lost interest. The main exceptions were a relative handful of economists, a group that happened to include Ben Bernanke, now the chairman of the Federal Reserve, and yours truly. These Japan-obsessed economists viewed the island nation's economic troubles not as a demonstration of Japanese incompetence, but as an omen for all of us. If one big, wealthy, politically stable country could stumble so badly, they wondered, couldn't much the same thing happen to other such countries?

Sure enough, it both could and did. These days we are, in economic terms, all Japanese - which is why the ongoing economic experiment in the country that started it all is so important, not just for Japan, but for the world.

In a sense, the really remarkable thing about "Abenomics" - the sharp turn toward monetary and fiscal stimulus adopted by the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe - is that nobody else in the advanced world is trying anything similar. In fact, the Western world seems overtaken by economic defeatism.

In the U.S., for example, there are still more than four times as many long-term unemployed workers as there were before the economic crisis, but Republicans only seem to want to talk about fake scandals. And, to be fair, it has also been a long time since President Barack Obama said anything forceful publicly about job creation.

Still, at least we're growing. Europe's economy is back in recession, and it has actually grown a bit less over the past six years than it did between 1929 and 1935; meanwhile, it keeps hitting new highs for unemployment. Yet there is no hint of a major change in policy. At best, we may be looking at a slight relaxation of the savage austerity

programs Brussels and Berlin are imposing on debtor nations.

It would be easy for Japanese officials to make the same excuses for inaction that we hear all around the North Atlantic: They are hamstrung by a rapidly aging population; the economy is weighed down by structural problems (and Japan's structural problems, especially its discrimination against women, are legendary); debt is too high (far higher, as a share of the economy, than that of Greece). And in the past Japanese officials have, indeed, been very fond of making such excuses.

The truth, however - a truth that the Abe government apparently gets - is that all of these problems are made worse by economic stagnation. A short-term boost to growth won't cure all of Japan's ills, but, if it can be achieved, it can be the first step toward a much brighter future.

So, how is Abenomics working? The safe answer is that it's too soon to tell. But the early signs are good - and, no, Thursday's sudden drop in Japanese stocks doesn't change that story.

The good news starts with surprisingly rapid Japanese economic growth in the first quarter of this year - actually, substantially faster growth than that in the United States, while Europe's economy continued to shrink. You never want to make too much of one quarter's numbers, but that's the kind of thing we want to see.

Meanwhile, Japanese stocks have soared, while the yen has fallen. And, in case you're wondering, a weak yen is very good news for Japan because it makes the country's export industries more competitive.

Some observers have raised the alarm over rising Japanese long-term interest rates, even though these rates are still less than 1 percent. But the combination of rising interest rates and rising stock prices suggests that both reflect an increase in optimism, not worries about Japanese solvency.

To be sure, Thursday's sell-off in Japanese stocks put a small dent in that optimistic assessment. But stocks are still way up from last year, and I'm old enough to remember Black Monday in 1987, when U.S. stocks suddenly fell more than 20 percent for no obvious reason, and the ongoing economic recovery suffered not at all.

So the overall verdict on Japan's effort to turn its economy around is so far, so good. And let's hope that this verdict both stands and strengthens over time. For if Abenomics works, it will serve a dual purpose, giving Japan itself a much-needed boost and the rest of us an even more-needed antidote to policy lethargy.

As I said at the beginning, at this point the Western world has seemingly succumbed to a severe case of economic defeatism; we're not even trying to solve our problems. That needs to change - and maybe, just maybe, Japan can be the instrument of that change. □



Here Comes The Sun



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Among the many things Tim Cook apparently learned at the knee of Steve Jobs, during his long tenure as Apple's No. 2, was how to create a "reality distortion field." Or so it would appear after watching Cook, now Apple's chief executive, testify Tuesday at a Senate hearing on the company's tax avoidance schemes.

Jobs was so persuasive that he could claim the sun was setting when it was actually rising, and everyone would nod in agreement. On Tuesday, despite the overwhelming evidence presented by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that Apple engaged in dubious tax avoidance gimmicks, Cook claimed that Apple never resorted to tax gimmickry. Even though the company appears to pay about 10 percent of its pretax income in taxes - when the federal corporate tax rate is 35 percent - Cook said, "We pay all the taxes we owe - every single dollar." He added that Apple had never shifted any of its U.S. profits to an offshore tax haven when, in fact, that is basically what it has done, routing tens of billions in pretax profits to a shell corporation in Ireland that exists solely to avoid taxes in the United

States. He even said that the low taxes Apple pays overseas is on the profits of its overseas sales. Not to put too fine a point on it, but this was a flat-out lie.

In other words, Cook spent Tuesday claiming that the sun was setting when it was actually rising, and, predictably, by the time the hearing had ended, most of the senators were agreeing with him. Sen. John McCain, the committee's ranking Republican, who had earlier labeled Apple "a tax avoider," was soon swooning over Apple's "incredible legacy." Indeed, Apple's fabulous success over the past decade or so - its creation of the iPads and iPhones that the world lusts over - is a large part of the reason it always gets the benefit of the doubt, whether deserved or not. Two years ago, when David Kocieniewski of The Times reported on General Electric's tax-avoidance prowess, a storm of protest resulted. Last year, however, when Kocieniewski and Charles Duhigg wrote about Apple's tax avoidance schemes as part of a series about the company that won a Pulitzer Prize, it was greeted mainly with yawns. Nobody really wants to hear anything bad about Apple. Yet as documented both by The Times and the Senate subcommittee, Apple is as much an innovator in tax avoidance as it is in technology. Take, for instance, a scheme known as The Double Irish, which it largely invented and which many U.S. companies have since replicated. This strategy, which was the primary focus of Tuesday's hearing, involves setting up a shell subsidiary in an offshore tax haven - aka Ireland - and transferring most of Apple's intellectual property rights to the dummy subsidiary. The subsidiary, in turn, charges "royalties" that allows it to capture billions of dollars in what otherwise would be taxable profits in the United States. In Ireland, according to Apple, it pays an astonishing 2 percent in taxes, thanks to a deal

it has with the government. (The Irish government denies giving Apple a special deal.)

Here is another of whoppers from Cook on Tuesday.

He said that his company not only doesn't violate the letter of the law, that it doesn't even violate the spirit. He might be right on the first part, but he is wrong on the second. As the subcommittee's chairman, Carl Levin, D-Mich., pointed out to me Wednesday, one of the main goals of U.S. corporate tax policy is to tax profits in the jurisdiction where they are produced.

"That intellectual property and patents are the crown jewels of the company," Levin said. "The Irish subsidiary had nothing to do with creating those crown jewels. It has no employees. It has no offices. Yet most of Apple's profits are now offshore because they were able to utilize a shift of their intellectual property to a tax haven."

(Question for the government of Ireland: Do you really want your country to be known as an offshore tax haven? Indeed, at a time when your citizens are dealing with the pain of an austerity program, how can you justify allowing Apple to pay virtually no taxes on a subsidiary established solely to avoid taxes in the United States? Just wondering.)

Levin has proposed a bill that would curb the most blatant abuses of the tax code like the Double Irish. Part of the purpose of the hearing was to bring these abuses to light and generate bipartisan support for closing them. When I asked Levin whether he felt that the subcommittee had made a mistake in singling out Apple, given its Teflon reputation, he said no.

"You can't ignore the most blatant examples just because it is a popular company," he said.

He's right about that, of course. But that's only obvious if you are willing to say the sun is rising when Apple says it is not. □

'Paper or plastic' becomes a less obvious choice

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In my New York City apartment, the kitchen drawers, the coat closet, even the wine rack are overflowing with a type of waste that is rapidly disappearing elsewhere – the used plastic shopping bag.

Many countries and a handful of American cities have more or less done away with this supposed convenience item, by discouraging its use through plastic-bag taxes at checkout counters or outright bans. Walk down the streets of Dublin or Seattle or San Francisco and there is barely a bag in sight. Life continues.

"It didn't take people very long to accommodate at all," said Dick Lilly, manager for waste prevention in Seattle, where a plastic-bag ban took effect last summer. "Basically overnight those grocery and drug-store bags were gone."

But in much of America we seem more addicted than ever. On a recent shopping trip to Target in Chicago for some dorm supplies while visiting my son, I emerged with what seemed to be more bags than socks or rolls of toilet paper (only a slight exaggeration). At my local supermarket, plastic bags are applied layer upon layer around purchases, like Russian nesting dolls.

"Plastic shopping bags are an enormous problem for New York City," said Ron Gonen, the deputy commissioner of sanitation for recycling and waste reduction, noting that the city pays \$10 million annually to send 100,000 tons of plastic bags that are tossed in the general trash to landfills in South Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania. That, he points out, "is amazing to think of, because a plastic bag doesn't weigh much at all."

All across the country, plastic bags are the bane of recycling programs. When carelessly placed into recycling bins for general plastic – which they often are – the bags jam and damage expensive sort-

ing machines, which cost huge amounts to repair.

"We have to get people to start carrying reusable bags," Gonen said. "We're going to do what we can to start moving the needle."

"The question," he continued, "is do we use a carrot or a stick to change behavior?"

So far New York has used carrots, to little effect. (More about that later.) Unfortunately, most experts believe it will take a stiff stick to break a habit as ingrained as this one is in the United States. (In many European countries, like France and Italy, the plas-

tic bag thing never fully caught on.)

er environmental projects. Unfortunately, these tactics are deeply unpopular in most of the nation. After Austin, Texas, passed a bag ban earlier this year and with Dallas considering one, state Rep. Drew Springer, a Republican, introduced the Shopping Bag Freedom Act in the Legislature. That act essentially bans bag bans, protecting the right of merchants to provide bags of any material to customers. Businesses often fight hard against plastic-bag laws. When in 2007, Seattle first tried to impose a fee of 20 cents for each plastic bag, the American Chemical

A number of states are considering some form of statewide bans or taxes. And last month, Rep. James P. Moran, D-Va., introduced a bill to create a national 5-cent tax on all disposable plastic or paper bags provided by stores to customers.

Some of the revenue would be used to create a Disposable Carryout Bag Trust Fund and to maintain national parks.

Actually, the idea of a bag tax may not seem so foreign to federal lawmakers: For the past three years, Washington has had its own 5-cent tax. Although bag use there dropped

been required to take them back for recycling. But there is not much enforcement, Gonen said, and the program "hasn't put a dent" in the numbers. While the chain pharmacies and supermarkets in my neighborhood initially put out recycling bins for the bags, they have largely disappeared. Some stores will begrudgingly take back plastic at the sales counter – though I've seen the bags subsequently tossed in the trash. (Though plastic bags can be recycled, they must be separated from other forms of plastic.) The Bloomberg administration is also con-



A plastic bag caught in a tree in New York. Some cities have done away with plastic bags, but more should.

(David Goldman/The New York Times)

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In my case, I know I should bring a cloth bag along for shopping trips. And I do – when I remember. But experience shows that even environmentally conscious people need prodding and incentives to change their behavior permanently.

Where they exist, bans and charges or taxes (when set high enough) have been extremely successful and often raise revenue for oth-

Council financed a popular referendum that voted down the "bag tax," before it even took effect, Lilly said.

It took several more years for the city to regroup and impose its current ban. Plastic shopping bags are forbidden in stores, and though paper bags may be used, each one costs the shopper 5 cents. (There are exemptions, however: Restaurants managed to secure one for takeout food, for example.)

sharply, many experts feel that the charge should be even higher. In Ireland, for example, the bag tax is about 30 cents per bag. By any measure, New Yorkers are laggards on the issue. In 2008, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg tried unsuccessfully to pass a bag tax of 6 cents. More recently, New York state has preferred to attack the problem with soft diplomacy. Since 2009, large stores throughout the state providing plastic bags have

sidering partnering with supermarkets to create incentive programs with shopping points awarded to those who bring reusable bags.

Frank Convery, an economist at University College, Dublin, who has studied the effects of Ireland's 10-year-old bag tax – the first in the world – is skeptical: "As regards the plastic bag issue, whatever is done has to be mandatory," he said. "The New York model is designed to fail." □